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SU voter turnout lowest in memory

Jon Dunbar
News Editor

The SU election results were announced in the Power Plant last Thursday.

Next year's president will be Chris Samuel, who beat opponent Greg Harlow in unofficial results by 2396 votes to 1300. The presidential joke candidate, Your Mom, received 933 votes.

In the three-way race for VP (External), Kory Zwack received 1650 votes to beat Anand Sharma and Lisa Clyburn, who had 1387, and 1320 votes respectively.

Sharma said "it's going to be a very right-wing year in the SU."

Also victorious was BoG candidate Chris Burrows, who drew criticism from opponent Tracie Scott for disapproving of "embarrassing" student activism. He won 2507-1485.

Incumbent VP (Student Life) Jen Wanke will return to her position next year after defeating opponent Marc Mahé by 2702 votes to 1592.

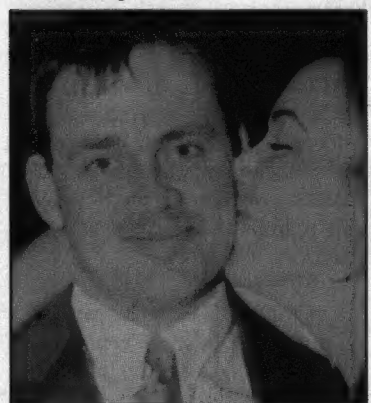
The single candidates in the two other vice-presidential portfolios were approved in Yes/No votes. VP (Academic) candidate Amy Salyzyn won with approximately 89 per cent of votes, while VP (Operations & Finance) candidate Jamie Speer received just under 75 per cent of the vote in his favour.

Last year, Speer lost in the VP (Academic) race to Samuel. When the results were announced, Speer said to Samuel, "Hey, Chris—did you see this coming a year ago?"

"Actually, no," replied Samuel.

The referenda to decrease off-campus SU fees and to establish a Public Interest Research Group passed, each with about two-thirds of votes cast in support.

Voter turnout was approximately 18 per cent, with 4804 ballots cast. Turnout last year was about 19 per cent; for the prior six years, it was around 25 per cent.



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Outgoing SU President Leslie Church gives a friendly kiss to Joe Brindle, campaign manager for the off-campus fees referendum.



Chul-Ahn Jeong / THE GATEWAY

The Pandas' unlikely winning streak came to a halt in the gold-medal game against Regina's Cougars. See page 12.



Today

7 Learn more about calculus and Cthulu from Darkest of the Hillside Thickets, the first Dungeons-&Dragons-themed band we've ever seen.

Quote for the day:

You can't say civilizations don't advance. ... In every war they kill you in a new way.

—Will Rogers

This day in the Gateway's history:

The Gateway published its first Purity Test, which was stolen and slightly altered from UBC's student newspaper, the *Ubysey*. Please don't tell them!

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Clarification

In a front-page photo caption last Thursday, we neglected to mention that the Legislature protest was co-organized by the student group PEAS, in addition to the Council of Canadians.

Please recycle this newspaper

PCs gain 10 seats in provincial election

Christie Tucker
News Editor

As results for the provincial election came in on Monday night, announcing Ralph Klein's third majority victory, students watching in Dewey's were not surprised, but disappointed.

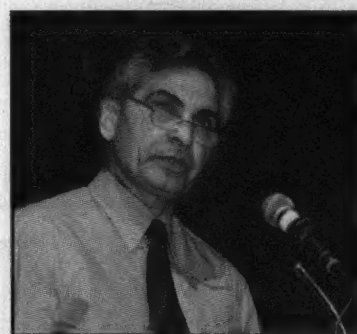
"How can you criticize the voters?" Jason Ragan asked. "They obviously know what they're doing. Unfortunately, they have spoken—even if I don't agree with them."

Final results left the PCs at 74 seats, up 10 from the last election; the Liberals lost eight seats, leaving them with seven; and the NDP retained their two seats. The province's two independent seats were lost.

Liberal leader Nancy MacBeth lost her seat in Edmonton-McClung by about 4000 votes, but Klein and NDP leader Raj Pannu retained representation of their ridings.

Ragan, a Sociology student and member of campus Liberals, was saddened to see the Grits lose seats, but said he doesn't think MacBeth's leadership was to blame. "Maybe it was the Liberal campaign strategy. The Liberals might be showing that they're out of touch with Albertans," he guessed.

Political Science student Stefan Sokolowski was just returning from scrutineer duty at his riding in Edmonton-Glenora. He too wouldn't pin the Liberals' defeat on MacBeth. "Who wants to be the leader of the



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Raj Pannu.

Alberta Liberals?" he asked. "It's a pretty thankless job."

But Sokolowski did not voice loud support for either MacBeth or her opponents. "I'm never very enthusiastic about any of the parties. I would have liked to see the Liberals get more support, but this is Alberta politics. The PCs get monolithic support," he said.

Sokolowski said he had seen a few young people in the polling station that day, but not all understood the process. "One girl asked me, 'Is this the Liberal area?'"

A small group of NDP supporters in the corner of the bar sat quietly in front of an empty beer pitcher. "I'm happy for Raj," said supporter Jennifer Duffy. "But the PCs are doing far too well."

A fellow NDP supporter who declined to give his name said he was a little surprised by the Liberal collapse. "I think it's just the province resigning itself to the fact that the PCs are going to run Alberta forever," he said.

Family says accused gunman was bullied

Christie Tucker
News Editor

As the shock of last Wednesday's arrest of a suspected gunman on campus subsides, the accused's family is still struggling to make sense of the events.

Pareed Wijdani, who was charged with weapons and robbery offenses, has been in police custody since Wednesday afternoon.

His sister, who didn't wish to provide her name, says the family misses him very much. "We're missing one person of the family. I hope he gets some help," she said.

She added that her brother was constantly in motion in the weeks before the incident, saying, "it was like he had too much in his head."

She said her brother, whom she called a "kind and generous person," has been treated unfairly by the media and the University.

She said that her father had been to the University to complain of bullying that Wijdani experienced at school that crippled him academically and caused his suspension. "There were kids making fun of him, calling him gay," she said. "He stopped studying, and he kept getting in fights with those guys."

"My dad went and complained last year when it happened. The University did nothing. At least they could have recognized that there was a problem."

Associate Vice-President (Academic) Anne-Marie Decore could not disclose if Wijdani's father had made an earlier complaint, but she said University personnel behaved appropriately in every instance that came to their attention.

"We have a discrimination and harassment policy that tells people where they should go—to the Human Rights Office or to Campus Security," said Decore. "If he were to complain to anybody, they would tell him where to go for help."

Shawn Mihalus, a classmate of Wijdani's denies seeing any harassment at school. "Nobody really got picked on," he said.

"He was in one of our classes. He liked to talk to people when they would sit and listen to him. I used to ride the bus with him every now and then and he would sit and talk and talk and talk just about anything," reported Mihalus.

Criminology professor Kevin Haggerty said that bullying has received increasing attention in the media over the past few years.

School shootings in Columbine and Taber and a stabbing in Ottawa have been linked to bullying.

"Not to condone bullying, but bullying is really nothing new. It's not about bullying but the response to bullying. What is different is that part ... about getting daddy's gun."

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Wilderness association 'rescues' foothills

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NEWS STAFF

The Alberta Wilderness Association (AWA) has launched a campaign designed to protect ecologically significant areas in Alberta's Foothills region.

This initiative, called "Alberta Foothills: The Rescue Mission," is in direct response to Special Places 2000, a project instigated by the Klein government.

According to AWA president Cliff Wallis, "the areas protected under Special Places 2000 turned out to be totally insufficient," as less than 1.5 per cent of the Foothills Natural Region is being protected.

Wallis believes that Alberta's "non-existent or totally ineffective" ecosystem planning jeopardizes both the Foothills region and any future developments in terms of tourism and sustainable forestry.

Alberta is facing increased consumer demand for forest-friendly products, and there is fear that Alberta will lose its foothold in the US, Europe, and Canada.

Some major American retailers now sell products certified by organizations like the International Forest Stewardship Council, according to AWA's Northern Conservation Manager, Jillian Tamblin.

This campaign follows closely behind an announcement made by the US Forest Service to stop commercial logging of old-growth timber in its national forests. This action was demanded by over 1.5 million letters from Americans.

Tamblin says that unless large areas of the Foothills Natural Region are fully protected from development, and sustainable forestry techniques are used, Alberta won't remain competitive for long.



Carl Schreuders / THE GATEWAY

On Saturday, several dozen Edmontonians marched down Whyte Avenue in protest of China's occupation of Tibet.

Partnerships between Concordia and Chinese universities raises human rights questions

Sara Collin
THE LINK

MONTREAL (CUP) — Concordia University signed seven partnerships with educational institutes in China during the Team Canada trade mission last month, sparking controversy among students who say human rights should come first.

Concordia rector Frederick Lowy, who represented the University on the trip, said the agreement between his institution and Chinese universities is mutually beneficial.

"It's presumptuous of us to think our way of doing things is always the best," said Lowy. "We also have human rights abuses, but different in quality."

Although the presidents and vice-presidents of 16 Canadian universities were on the Team Canada trade mission, only Concordia and Toronto's Seneca College have announced partnerships with Chinese universities.

The trip, which generated \$5.7 million worth of business deals, sparked controversy about human rights in the Communist nation.

The Chinese government has come under increased criticism for

failing to abolish torture, arresting Falun Gong practitioners and frequently executing political prisoners.

During the trade mission, former U of A student Sam Price and an accomplice were arrested in front of Canadian business leaders while protesting the plight of Tibetans in the country. They were released shortly afterwards.

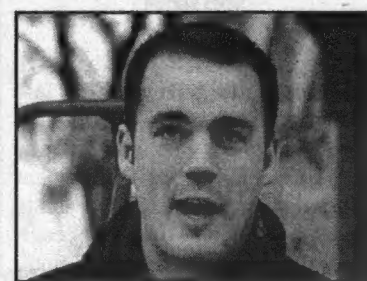
Concordia Students' Union president Rob Green said his university's dealings with China were questionable.

"It's doing business with a country with a really bad human rights record," he said. "This is a country that opens fire on students."

He said Concordia's actions do not surprise him because universities are falling into the trend of being run like corporations, with no concern for human rights.

"It's really a shame because [the agreements] go against everything the university stands for."

But not everyone feels Concordia is the appropriate place to fight the human rights battle. Kitty Luu, a vice-president with Concordia's Chinese Students Association, said international politics should not be confused with education. "Why bother?" she said. "By punishing



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Sam Price.

students I don't think it will make a change."

Luu said such battles should be reserved for politicians, not for university administrators.

Carole Samdup, from the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development in Montreal, says the controversy that surrounded the recent Team Canada trip has to do with trade, not education.

Samdup said Concordia's agreements with China aren't unethical because they do not involve a compromise of human rights.

The real issue, Samdup said, is that Canada has been soft on China's human rights violations in order to maintain profitable trade relations.

"It's a question of money versus human rights," she said.

CAMPUS CRIME BEAT

Live and let DUI

On 4 March just before 3:00am, a vehicle was spotted leaving Stadium Car Park and driving in an erratic manner, crossing into oncoming traffic lanes and swerving. Campus Patrol Services found the driver to be intoxicated and contacted Edmonton Police, who discovered that the man was intoxicated over twice the legal limit. The driver was not a student.

Case-toter arouses suspicion

At 10:00am on 8 March, a man asking unusual questions was reported to Campus Security by the staff of the Coutts Education Library. He was also carrying a long case, this the day after the shotgun incident near Tory. The case was later found to be a pool cue case.

Library stimulates creep

On 7 March at 3:30pm, officers responded to a complaint by three students in Winspear Library of a man fondling himself. The suspect is described as a white male

in his early thirties, 6'1", 220 to 250 lbs, with long dirty-blond hair that went down to his mid-back; a scruffy beard, sweatpants and a flannel jacket. Students who see someone matching this description, especially in a library, are asked to contact Campus Security at 492-5050.

Student gets in ID altercation

At 11:00am on 8 March, a student allegedly refused to leave the equipment room area in Van Vliet when asked by staff. He also refused to provide identification, and the argument escalated into a physical altercation. Charges are pending against the student.

Sound sleeper

On 10 March between midnight and 3:00am, someone broke into a residence in HUB and stole a TV and VCR. The apartment was shared by four people, and one was sleeping inside the apartment at the time, although he was not woken by the incident. They had left their front door open.

Frat boy gets new plates

Just before 2:00am on 9 March, constables spotted a male wearing a license plate around his neck and wandering in HUB. After questioning him, Campus Patrol officers discovered he was a fraternity member who had stolen the plate from his friend's car. He was escorted back to his residence and his friend didn't press charges.

She's on Ralph's Team

On 10 March at 3:30am, officers spotted a car driving slowly behind Newton Place, with a female passenger vomiting profusely out the passenger window. Officers approached and were told the woman lived in Newton Place. They escorted her to her residence, and the male driver, who was not under the influence, left the area.

Ill man escorted off campus

On 11 March at 5:30pm, officers spotted a suspicious individual near Newton Place. They found he had an extensive criminal record and was under treatment for HIV

and Hepatitis C. He was escorted off campus immediately.

Thief steals club's cash

On 11 March at 1:45pm, a club in the General Services Building reported the theft of \$70 in cash. There were signs of forced entry. Luckily for the Nutritional Club, the treasurer had recently completed a drop, so the amount lost was considerably less than it could have been.

Overreaction to overacting

At 11:30am on 9 March, students and staff reported a suspicious person standing on a picnic table behind Windsor Car Park and shouting. Units arrived quickly, only to find it was a drama student practicing his lines.

Campus 5-0 on the case

There has been a report of a male suspect casing the bike racks at the south end of HUB. He wears a windbreaker, a hat worn backwards and has white hair. If you see him, call Campus Security.

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U of A student survives *Survivor* contest

Jhenifer Pabillano
NEWS STAFF

The secret to being a true survivor might actually lie in breakfast foods. Just ask U of A student James Rae, winner of Power 92's Survivor II contest in February.

"My strategy was to make a lot of alliances, stay really positive and friendly, and make sure you always keep it fun," laughed Rae, a fifth year Education-Phys Ed major.

"But also, if you can, pick a piece of grapefruit to eat in the morning. Every day we were allowed to pick one piece of fruit to eat for breakfast. That's what I chose every time."

Rae spent six days on the *Santa Maria* in West Edmonton Mall, fighting off 15 other contestants to take home the grand prize of a Subaru Outback Sport SUV and a trip for two to Australia. As in the TV show, participants in two tribes participated in challenges and voted tribe members off periodically. But, changes were made to the Power 92 game, such as more stringent disqualification rules and additional daily challenges.

"If you made mistakes, you could get kicked off. If you threw up, if you wanted to go to the bathroom outside the three breaks you were given, if your eyes were closed for

more than five seconds, you were off," said Rae. "But the one that got a lot of people kicked off was that you had to keep your hand flat on the rail of the boat all the time. They were really careful about that—lift your finger slightly, and you were gone."

Survivors were also required to eat one disgusting dish before dinner. "We ate raw lamb brain, raw shark, baby octopus, and live crickets and worms. But the worst thing I had to eat was half a cup of Vegemite."

Most challenges were performed to win rewards or immunity against disqualification for each tribe. Some involved riding the Galaxyland rollercoaster for prolonged periods and boat races around the *Santa Maria*. Tribes could win prizes like a night in the Fantasyland Hotel, while the losing tribe spent the night on the boat, sleeping from 1:00am to 5:00am. When the remaining survivors numbered fewer and fewer, the two tribes merged into one, and challenges were won for personal rewards or immunity.

Surviving till the final day on the boat, Rae won the bug eating contest to finally win Survivor II. Blindfolded, Rae finished off a bug in the fastest time, but admittedly didn't like the challenge much. "Anybody could have won it. I liked



Karen McOuat / THE GATEWAY

James Rae.

the challenges where you knew your strengths and abilities in order to win."

A huge fan of the *Survivor* series, Rae took inspiration from the character of Richard Hatch when participating in the contest. "I'm not like him really, but I liked how he was in control all the time. He knew what he was doing, and he always kept his goal in mind," he said.

Two other U of A students were on the boat—Chris Kolacz, a fourth-year Environmental and Conservation Sciences student, and Karen McOuat, a fourth-year Design student and Gateway photographer. Despite making it past the tribe merger, Kolacz was voted out on day five and McOuat was disqualified on day four.

Award-winning CompSci student 'did not realize the scope of the problem'

Jhenifer Pabillano
NEWS STAFF

When preparing his doctoral thesis, U of A grad Yuri Leontiev thought he was just solving a complex problem. Instead, his work was a new insight into the field of Computing Science that won him an NSERC doctoral prize.

"I did not realize the scope of the problem, otherwise I would have been too scared to try to tackle it," said Leontiev. "I was working on a problem, and that led me to another problem, which ended up to be my thesis topic."

Leontiev's thesis dealt with bringing together the properties of type systems of object-oriented and database programming languages, a gigantic challenge in Computing Science. In the past, many attempts had been made to

integrate the two types of language, but no real solutions had ever materialized.

Originally from Moscow, Leontiev first found interest in Computing Science in a Russian school. "We had no computers except for a huge mainframe with punchcards, and I got hooked by reading an introductory CS book I stumbled upon in one of the bookstores."

His fascination with computing continued through to his university career, but almost came to a halt when Leontiev started his graduate studies.

Financial difficulties prevented him from applying to many universities. "Fortunately, there was no application fee back then. I tried to send my documents to other North American universities as well—but of the decent ones, only U of A had no application fee at the time.

Had it had one, I would not have been able to apply."

Published in October 1999, Leontiev's doctoral thesis also won the Governor General's Gold Medal in 2000. With such recognition coming to his work, Leontiev is quick to acknowledge that many people and organizations have contributed significantly, especially the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology and the U of A Department of Computing Science. However, despite the success of the thesis, Leontiev still remains cautious about his work and its implications.

"It was a complex problem, and the solution can be used to help design better programming languages. However, it's no silver bullet. The design of a better programming language presents a number of challenges; this problem was just one of them."



Here's the deal:

Dan (at left, inexplicably kissing himself) would like to finish his degree and possibly go to class from time to time.

Thus, like every Gateway Editor-in-Chief before him, he's only in this job for one year. That year ends soon. So, if you want the title, \$10 327.50/year, a blue and yellow office, and no computer, then send your resumé, portfolio, cover letter, and pants to Jen Wanke in 2-900 SUB by 4:00pm on Tuesday, 13 March. If you're reading this on Wednesday, then that would be yesterday. But then, if you read the newspaper the day after it comes out, you probably shouldn't apply anyway. Either that or the paper's late again. Sigh.



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Prof furthers career-spanning research legacy into activity anorexia

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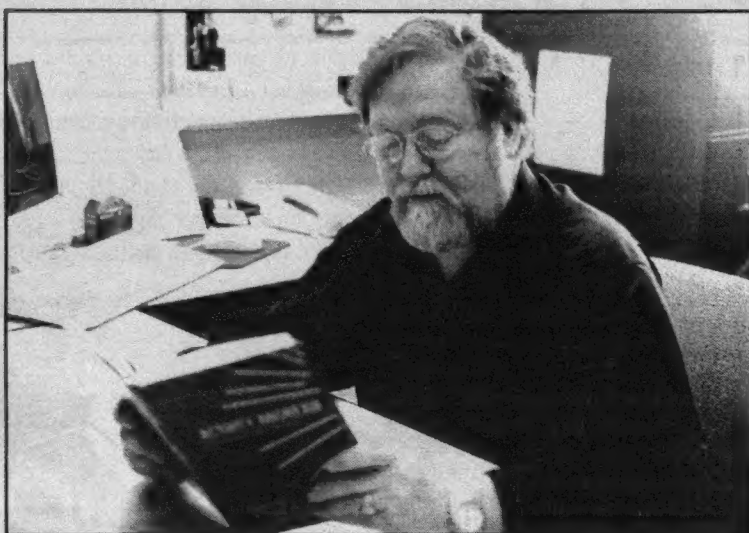
Anorexia can be caused by cultural factors, but it may have a long evolutionary history, according to a U of A professor.

W David Pierce, a sociology professor and director of the Centre for Experimental Sociology, is continuing his 20-year career of research into activity anorexia.

Activity anorexia occurs when a decline in food intake increases physical activity. As activity increases, eating declines.

Currently, Pierce is testing whether physical activity can condition lab rats to starve themselves. "The series of experiments concern the possibility that physical activity produces a conditioned taste aversion to food," explained Pierce.

The design is based on an exper-



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Professor David Pierce is studying the link between exercise and anorexia.

iment where rats are exposed to distinct flavours that are associated with drug-induced sickness.

The experiment showed that sickness caused an aversion to the related flavour.

"The twist is to substitute physical activity for the drug-induced sickness and to show that animals develop a conditioned aversion to a flavour paired with physical activity," explained Pierce. In his laboratory design, he feeds lab rats a certain flavour, then makes them exercise in a running wheel. He's investigating whether physical activity creates an aversion to all food rather than just specific flavours.

Pierce said that the hypothesis he is working with is based in evolutionary theory. He explained that there are certain situations when food restriction gives organisms an evolutionary advantage, in situations of territorial protection or times of food scarcity. He said that in times of famine, organisms that migrate have a more likely chance of finding a new food supply.

"The net energy balance is favouring anorexia, in the sense that if you stop to eat along the way, this is negatively balanced with getting to a potable and balanced food supply," said Pierce. "Anorexia is kind of a normal response under these conditions."

Pierce said that while anorexia's purpose is no longer evident, the biological responses still exist. "A woman is convinced by her culture that she should make her body trim and slim. She might start out doing it for cultural reasons, but once she starts food restricting, the biological processes kick in."

According to Pierce, anorexia occurs in about three per cent of the population, mainly healthy adolescents and young adults. Anorexia is one of the few psychiatric disorders that kills—the death rate is between 5 and 21 per cent.

Tasers part of growing trade in torture devices

Darren Stewart
CUP OTTAWA BUREAU CHIEF

OTTAWA (CUP) — Canada is part of the spreading trade in torture equipment, according to a major Amnesty International report released last week.

While the report focused on export and use of torture devices in the US and internationally, Amnesty spokespeople say that the recent rise in popularity of tasers, or stun guns, by Canadian police forces is a concern.

Amnesty International campaigner Craig Benjamin said that his group was calling for an independent and thorough study on the medical effects of stun guns, as well as the implementation of national guidelines for usage and an adequate system of accountability for misuse of the tools.

"We're most concerned about what the guidelines for usage of these tools are and whether police officers will be adequately trained," he said. "So far we haven't seen any national regulations."

Tasers shoot barbed darts into

victims' clothing up to 40 meters away and deliver a debilitating electric shock.

Amnesty International is also concerned that the equipment will get into the hands of torturers, secret police and militaries where there are no set of guidelines for usage or system of accountability.

The organization is calling on governments to suspend the international transfer of electro-shock equipment pending the outcome of a rigorous and independent review into their effects.

Benjamin said that typically once

new technology is introduced, and police forces have a few successes, a momentum is created to keep using the devices.

"Pilot projects only deal with the micro issues," he said. "That's fine, but it's not a complete test. They should be more fully evaluated. Not much is known about their effects or how dangerous they may be to people with medical conditions."

He said the only tests Amnesty was aware of were funded and conducted by the industry, which poses problems of bias.

Pierre Jean, a national spokes-

person for the RCMP, said that the use of tasers in Canada is in its test phase and that no plans for widespread adoption are in the works.

"There are a few tests being conducted as we speak," he said. "I know the emergency response team in Ottawa used [a taser] last week. But the tests are running jurisdiction by jurisdiction and I haven't seen any reports yet."

He said the process for widespread adoption would involve a long consultation process and hasn't yet been undertaken in Canada.



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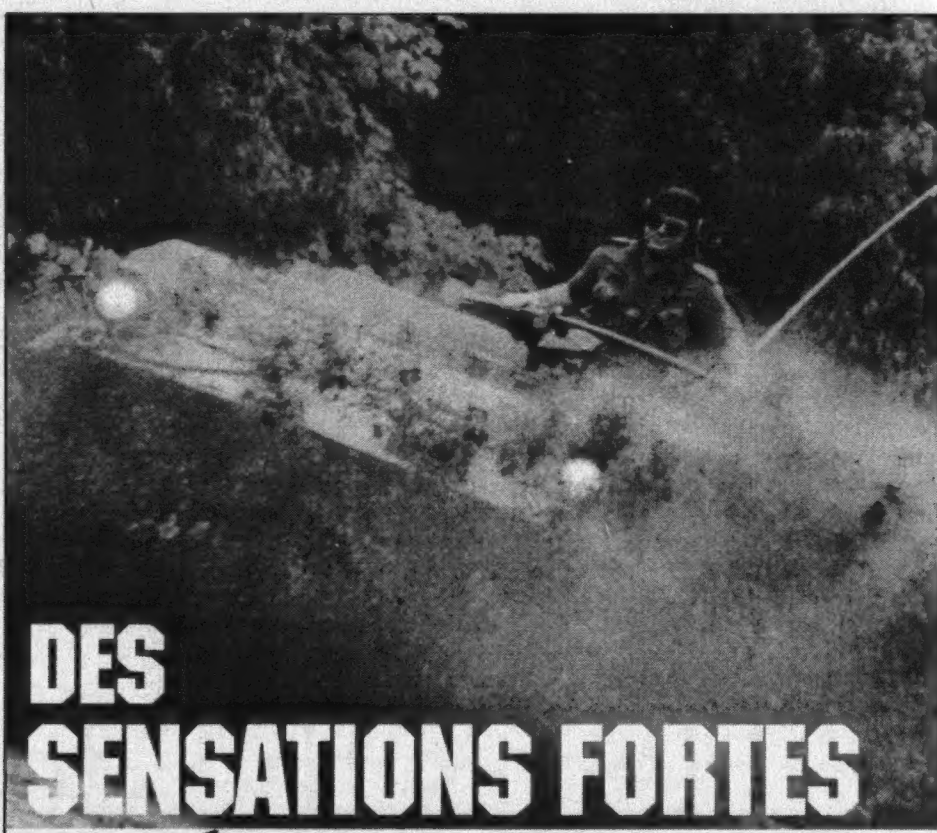
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EDITORIAL

Voting is everyone's dirty work

Think of the most difficult thing you've done recently. Just think for a bit. It's caring, right?

As I was leaving after voting in the provincial election at the Lister Hall banquet room, the gentleman ahead of me was asked if he needed help with anything. "No, thank you. I'm done. I've done my civic duty," he responded lethargically. The man was beyond caring, simply taking care of unfinished business.

When I got back to the office, it became apparent that this man was better at caring than most. Only a small portion of folks around the office had even bothered to "make their mark." In fact, neither of the people pictured on the Students' Union's election awareness posters even voted.

I was baffled. I couldn't understand how, in the light of King Ralph's reign, people can't be up in arms about anything. Wherever you stand with respect to Bill 11, energy rebates, or nincompoops holding public office in general, everyone should be willing to put in their two cents.

But I'm curious to see what the voter percentage will have been. For interest's sake, only 30 per cent of *Gateway* editors actually voted. As busy as they were, it's a still a shame.

Other than over the past few

weeks, when the media has bombarded everyone with "election coverage," and scads of grotesque election signs and propaganda littered the landscape, when was the last time you thought about politics? Not in the usual sense of "Ralph's a bastard," or "Nancy MacBeth's hot," but "what really needs to be done, and how are we going to do it?"

We simply don't care anymore, especially when it's *not* election time. And when elections do roll around, all of the politicians say the same thing, talk in the same way, and make the same tired promises, making it that much more difficult to take a stand. It doesn't matter who wins because we'll still be right back where we started. These days, there's no risk in this game. It's all too easy to sit on our hands and let the "responsible voting population" do the dirty work.

Now, excuse my tired rhetoric: next time, get out there and vote. It only takes a second and the actual process isn't that difficult.

I'll leave you with the sentiments of one of our volunteers when told she still had half an hour to vote: "Nah. I'm going to go work out."

David Zeibin
PRODUCTION EDITOR



The not-so-hard-fought battle is over!

LETTERS

Gunman no scarier than campus rapes

A gunman at the U of A has been prominently featured across the front pages of newspapers lately. But if this is big news, why aren't other campus assaults such as a big story? What about all of the women on campus who are raped every year by misogynists hiding in the bushes or libraries?

Because men on campus are now scared, it's front-page news. Women have always felt fear on campus. I shudder to think that the story's recent popularity is because some of the accused's targets may have been men. I hope I'm wrong.

JENNIE DYKE
ARTS IV

BoG rep should think again about activists

So, Chris Burrows is our new Board of Governors representative. Apathy isn't a new phenomenon on this campus, but to go so far as to elect someone who opposes activism is truly disappointing.

Does our new BoG Rep think so poorly of the activists (past and present) who have worked towards the abolition of slavery, protection of children from exploitative labour, and recognition of women and minorities as equals? Many students have worked hard

trying to change the fact that Alberta, as rich as it is, faces the highest post-secondary tuition increases in Canada. Much poorer provinces than Alberta have frozen and reduced tuition!

It doesn't take a brainiac to figure out that we could be a lot more effective in working towards our right of accessible education if students had a BoG representative with whom we could cooperate and build a united front. Unfortunately, since Burrows has taken such a strong stance against activism, it looks like those of us who volunteer our time and effort to work towards reducing tuition now have yet another obstacle facing us. No loss for him though—at least as an ultra-cool frat boy, he'll have extra baloney to add to his resumé.

LIAN CHANG
SCIENCE II
SOPHIE ARES PILON
ARTS III

Day must pay more attention to home

Last Friday, Stockwell Day went to the US to talk with Vice President Dick Cheney, and he made it quite clear that he supports the missile defense system and would like to develop a close relationship with the American Republican party.

In the normal system of international relations, equals talk with equals, Presidents with Prime Ministers, Ministers of Foreign Affairs with Ministers of State, and

so on. So why is Leader of the Loyal Opposition talking with Vice President Dick Cheney? I smell a rat, and for once it isn't my dog.

Québec wants equal status with Canada at the upcoming Summit of the Americas, and Stockwell Day wants to be treated like the President-elect of Western Canada. Is Stock trying to appeal to the "spirit of western alienation?" Or is he praying for mercy on his apparently doomed political future?

At any rate, he was hot for missile defense and eager to be a Republican for a day. He plans to learn from the Republicans and adopt their policies. "We look forward to building relationships with our counterparts in the United States, learning political strategies from Republican colleagues and strengthening our intellectual armor with the help of people like those of you here," Day said.

The funny thing is that Cheney's officials refused Day's request for camera coverage of the meeting. Apparently Cheney is aware of the faux pas Stockwell is making as he goes south of the border while political scandal is raging back home in Western Canada.

Through scandal and stupidity, Stockwell Day has lost his spot in the sun as the representative of Western Canada. Trying to act as an envoy to the United States, pretending to be an American, or exciting Bush with promises of political support for the National Missile Defense system will not fool western Canadians into thinking that he is, after all, a savvy politician able to do away with the hegemony of Ontario once and for all.

JOSHUA FRAESE
ARTS III

Coke is ripping us off

This letter is written out of pure frustration. I have no problem with the University selling the students' right to choice. This is about Coke's inability to provide a reliable product. The numerous Coke machines on campus are stealing money from students. At times they don't dispense the proper change and they are rarely kept stocked.

This is a campus-wide problem. There is a toll-free number to call but the machines are not marked with a specific model number to identify them. I am sending this letter to the *Gateway* in the hope that Coke will wake up and realize that the customer is always right, but I'm afraid that in a monopolistic environment that is untrue.

KIRBY YAKEMCHUK
MATERIALS ENGINEERING IV

Palestinians in same boat Kuwaitis were

Reading Janan Jarrah's article, ("US worse for Iraq than Hussein ever was," 8 March) was quite refreshing. It's good to see exploration about the generally forgotten, yet still active, Gulf War.

Hussein has been making the papers lately by throwing his support behind the Palestinians. Ironically, the Palestinians are, for all intents and purposes, in the same general situation that the Kuwaiti people were ten years ago. American strategic allegiances have made life hell for people of many nations caught on the "wrong side" of a dispute. From

the Philippines to Nicaragua to Hawaii, the pattern is clear: occupy with force, hired or otherwise, then retain occupation via "democratically elected" official (read: powerful local psycho). Lastly, cement permanent occupation by opening a McDonald's.

It will be interesting to see what happens in Iraq now that a Bush is back. Thinking of defeating Saddam must give Bush Jr wet dreams. Sadly, the general media will focus on the same image as the new/old Bush administration: defeating "Saddam." The loss of Iraqi lives will again be considered "worth it" in exchange for the overall "good" done by deposing the dictator they helped stay dictator for so long.

It's very strange, however, that the issue of America, Britain and France supplying arms to Saddam during the late 1970s and most of the 1980s received little attention in the general media of the 1990s or now even. The West supplied arms to Saddam to assist, indirectly, in defeating the Islamic revolution taking place in Iran.

JODY CLOUTIER

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Inequality mars Consumer Rights Day



Colleen Underwood

The phrase "I can't" is often used indiscriminately to mean "I don't want to." When individuals are asked to make changes to their excessive consumer habits, this reflex response once again emerges. Is it that we can't or that we're just not willing to try?

World Consumer Rights Day, which traditionally recognizes the rights—or more aptly-termed "privileges"—of consumers, will be held 15 March. These privileges include the need for shelf-stable condoms in tropical climates, the courtesy of mail-order products delivered on time, and properly labeled product tags indicating a standard of achievement. However legitimate these needs are, the issue of clean water, clean air, and adequate subsistence for life represent larger consumer rights concerns globally.

Undoubtedly, many affluent individuals find it important to advocate rights like improvements to consumer privacy on the Internet, or minimum requirements for labels. But the fact that many consumers around the world are unable to purchase enough rice to feed their families or receive clean water because of inadequate treatment facilities puts our Western concerns into per-

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spective.

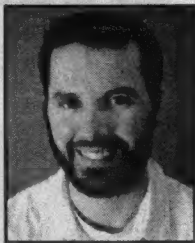
In trying to justify how Canada can promote a free-market utopia, where almost every purchase wreaks havoc on the environment, I am often asked if I see the cup half-empty or half-full. My response is to ask whether a starving child sees his stomach half-empty or half-full. It is hardly pessimistic to try to jump into the shoes of another.

The US, with less than five per cent of the world's population, consumes 30 per cent of its resources. This overconsumption by wealthier nations only exacerbates global inequalities.

We have to be aware of when we're supporting profits of big business. More than celebrating consumer rights, we should be striving for consumer equity. Astoundingly, the wealthiest billion people of the world consume 80 per cent of the world's resources. The US, in trying to support its inexhaustible fossil fuel needs, is actively pursuing Alberta's natural resources. Not only is this environmental rape illogical when we observe the needs globally, but here in Canada it would cause defiance of international environmental commitments to reduce greenhouse emissions—all in the name of profits.

In recognition of World Consumer Rights Day, I challenge fellow consumers to decipher what truly are their rights and what are their privileges, and to visualize globally when consuming locally.

More UN hypocrisy with recent Afghanistan sanctions



Tim Weis

Shortly after Afghanistan's Taliban leaders announced their decision to destroy two Buddhist statues carved into a sandstone cliff in the central Bamiyan province, the international community lashed out with strong condemnation.

The UN General Assembly held a special meeting to criticize the decision, and unsurprisingly, the United States initiated yet another round of economic sanctions against war-torn Afghanistan to demonstrate its outrage at the loss of the 1500-year-old statues.

The Taliban's decision certainly wasn't the best PR move, nor was it likely the most effective use of resources when you consider the incredible state of poverty the country is in. However, the international community's reaction seems hypocritical, misplaced, and selective.

Hypocritical because the international community itself didn't seem to have a problem bombing the living hell out of Baghdad—an ancient city of incredible cultural, spiritual and historical value to the world at large. Baghdad was the capital of the Islamic empire for hundreds of years, and housed some of the world's first libraries, universities and other ancient mon-

uments, some of which were "smart bombed."

The sanctions on Afghanistan are misplaced because the UN has taken over a year and half to even confront the human rights disaster that Russia is waging in its invasion of Chechnya. Thousands of Chechnyans have died and thousands more have become refugees as the Russian army has attempted to subdue the internationally-recognized nation. While the UN hasn't found the time to express its outrage at the horrible loss of human life that continues today in Chechnya, it did manage to find the time for some statues.

Furthermore, there was no worldwide horror when UN officials announced on 2 March that more than 260 people have died in displacement camps in northern Afghanistan, where an additional 117 000 people continue to live in miserable refugee conditions. There was no outpouring of grief for these 260 who died of hunger and exposure to cold weather.

One would like to think that the UN cares more about the civilians of Chechnya and Afghanistan than it does statues, but that doesn't seem to be the case.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the planet, the same US government that condemned the destruction of the ancient relics is planning a massive natural gas exploration and pipeline construction in the ecologically precious and sensitive arctic. This development that could, among other things, threaten the existence world's largest caribou herd, with over 100 000 animals. That's certainly a unique

global treasure that, in the least, is comparable to two statues. I have a feeling that if those statues were standing over a giant oil reserve, George Bush Jr would be the first in the line of the international community shouting "timber!"

THE BURLAP SACK

This beating is for the drunk-ass jerk who slashed my rear bike tire near Whyte Avenue last week. I had to walk the damn thing home because of someone's drunken act of stupidity. It's hard enough to weave through 109 Street traffic without being run down by some gas-guzzling, smoke-chugging idiot, but having to carry my bike home because of some drunk fuck-face is totally unfair.

Bikers already get enough disrespect from drivers, but vandalism from pedestrians is too much.

What stupid inebriated pleasure could one possibly get from ruining my ride home and making me buy new bike parts?

Oh right—I forgot. When you're wasted, everything's funny. Well, I wasn't laughing then and I'm not laughing now. I hope your hangover was as lovely as my walk home, ass-muncher.

KATE ROSSITER

The Burlap Sack is a semi-regular feature where, a person or group who needs to be put in a sack and beaten, is ridiculed in print. No sack beatings are actually administered.

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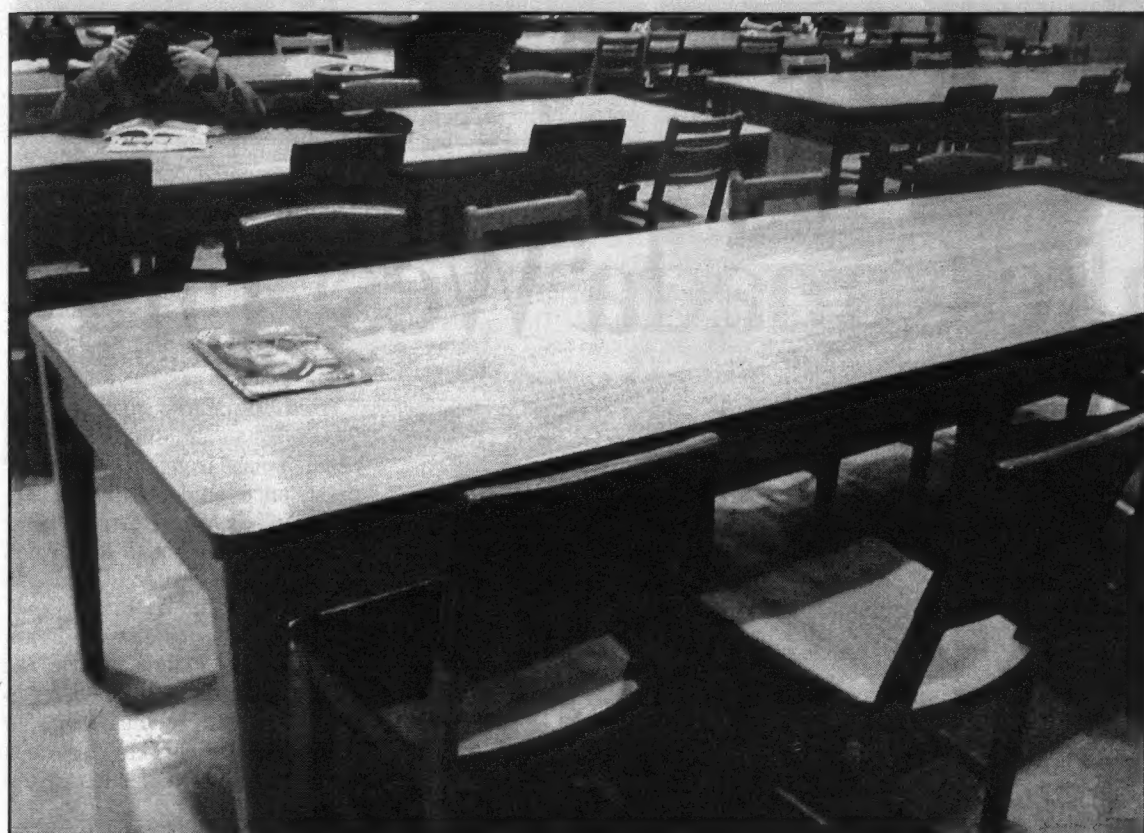
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The SU ought not to cry about lacking study space when there's no shortage of it in Rutherford South.

Maintaining high fees to pay for needless new services damages SU's credibility



Mike Winters

Your Mom, the joke candidate in last week's SU elections, aptly described the election forum in Myer Horowitz as a "gong show." As with every year, the forum was an empty exercise, albeit an entertaining one, in inane SU prattle.

Each candidate had two minutes to regurgitate his or her campaign material, but as far as "debate" went, there simply wasn't any. While this may not be endemic of just the SU (the US presidential election and our own provincial election come to mind), it's symptomatic of what the SU is: a bloated bureaucracy that's forgotten that it's meant to be a lobby group. But I guess it's easy to forget about being political when you're in the business of doing business.

Our newly re-elected VP (Student Life), Jen Wanke, spoke of expanding VIDS, the utterly useless promotional monitors in SUB. Of course, this will cost money. Then Joe Brindle advocated the reduction of SU fees for off-campus students. This last bit made sense: how can a student use many SU services if they aren't on campus? But SU executives decided to qualify it by making every other student pay for the difference. So instead of simply reducing the burden of unfair fees, the SU executive fights against the interests of its students, jeopardizing the referendum with what Brindle called a "poison pill."

The bottom line is that the SU will never want to reduce its fees, even if there's a benefit to students. The SU will always find room for expansion—more VIDS, perhaps another video arcade or a newly constructed wing of SUB.

While many SU services are important to students, some are only important to the SU.

No one wants to cut services, but we have to be more realistic.

Every year, candidates speak of increasing study space as if students were lining up in communist Russian bread lines for a chair and a table.

Students have ever-increasing SU fees on one hand, and ever-increasing tuition on the other. If the SU is truly interested in reducing the financial burden of its members during trying times, then is it possible to consolidate services and cut fees rather than increase them?

We've never had a referendum on whether students really want further SUB expansion, but \$10 per year is being put in a fund slated to expand the building past the outdoor courtyard. The SU's narrow focus on expansion almost led to having \$1 million in unused bursary money from the Access Fund diverted toward the building fund. But many would argue and have argued that the Access Fund, if its tests were less stringent, would have a greater benefit for students than SUB expansion.

That's not to say expansion isn't a good idea. Office space is indeed tight, but last year's proposal for expansion had yet more room set aside for study space. As good as this may sound, it's wasteful. Every year, candidates speak of increasing study space as if students were lining up in communist Russian bread lines for a chair and a table.

It's not *that* hard to find a seat on campus.

It might be more practical to look into renovating areas that already exist. If it's cheaper, we could convert the underused Horowitz Theatre into office space, for instance. The third floor, currently unused, will be turned into office space next year. This will certainly help, and doesn't require yet more student money.

The SU should focus on creating more office space with what it has so it doesn't have to spend more money on expansion in the near future.

There are measures beyond that which can be used to cut costs. Now that Students' Council has given itself the authority to mess around with referendum results, it might be more efficient to merge the referendum-created Access Fund with the Student Financial Aid Information Centre. Both organizations are involved with student loans and bursaries, so it would cut costs to have just one administration.

The bottom line shouldn't be maintaining the \$400 SU fee at all costs. It's important to maintain the SU's integrity as a lobby group for lower tuition by cutting the costs of its services and passing the difference to students. Asking students for more money should always only be a last resort—even pennies can add up over the years.

Dave Alexander's TOP TEN Inappropriate uses for babies

- 10 Dipped in tar, they make good anchors.
- 9 Tell everyone that you're working on a shrink-ray. Then, a week later, put one in your clothes and let your family find it, you crazy practical joker, you.
- 8 If you poke them with a stick they make noise. Lots and lots of noise.
- 7 Tie two of them to your head for some wicked-awesome earmuffs.
- 6 Glue one to your head and go as a conjoined twin for Hallowe'en.
- 5 Get two dozen and build a crying raft.
- 4 Keep one around so that you can clean pocket change by putting it in the tyke's mouth.
- 3 Bring one along to concerts and movies so that it can save your seat while you go to the can.
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Sports in Brief

Pandas basketball

The Pandas basketball team hosted the CIAU Women's National Basketball Championships last weekend. They upset Laval on Thursday and Queens on Friday before losing a hard-fought battle against Regina in the gold-medal game. Cathy Butlin was named Tournament All-Star.

Bears hockey

The Bears hockey squad hosted the Manitoba Bisons in the Canada West Final last weekend, beating them 5-1 and 3-1. Ryan Wade scored two in Friday's contest, and Kevin Marsh scored a goal each night, including the empty-net on Saturday.

Bears and Pandas track & field

The track and field teams were in Sherbrooke for the CIAU National Championships on 9 and 10 March. The Golden Bears won the national gold, the first in the history of the program since the Pandas took top spot in 1984. Grant Chapman and Murray Heber were named to the All-Canadian team.

Bears basketball

The Bears basketball team is still waiting for the decision that will determine whether or not they will compete in the CIAU National Championships in Halifax. The Bears lost in the Canada West Final series two games to one to the Victoria Vikes. If they get the spot, it will be on a wildcard.

Sports quote for the day

"Physical fitness is not only one of the most important keys to a healthy body, it is the basis of dynamic and creative intellectual activity. The relationship between the soundness of the body and the activities of the mind is subtle and complex. Much is not yet understood. But we do know what the Greeks knew: that intelligence and skill can only function at the peak of their capacity when the body is healthy and strong; that hardy spirits and tough minds usually inhabit sound gods."

— John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Sports trivia

The oldest male Olympic champion was American "Babe" McDonald, who won the 56lb weight throw in Belgium in 1920. The oldest female champion was 36 years old when she won the gold medal for the discus throw in Mexico in 1968. She was Romanian. The youngest female Olympic champion was also an American, Barbara Jones, who was a member of the gold-medal winning relay team in Helsinki, Finland in 1952. She was fifteen years old. The youngest male champion, another American named Bob Mathias, won the decathlon in London, England in 1948 at 17.

Bears take Canada West Final



Tim Winters was a goalie under siege in the Clare Drake last weekend.

Collin Gallant
SPORTS STAFF

Last weekend saw the best hockey of the season played at the Clare Drake, and for the 3500 fans in attendance, Saturday's decisive game didn't disappoint as the Golden Bears battled to their fortieth conference title.

Coming off a bit of a cakewalk in the Division Finals, in which the Bears outscored the U of C Dinos 12-0 and forechecked them back into the stone age, the Bears knew they would be facing their toughest competition all year in the Manitoba Bisons. The Bisons, who thrice took the Golden Bears to overtime during the season, came

in with nothing to lose and everything to win. Their run-and-gun offence had earned them a 17-8-3 record (tops in the east) and fourth place in the national rankings.

It was a task the green and gold were well prepared for.

"Every time we've played for the Canada West Final, it's been an absolute war," said Alberta winger Mike McGhan. "And we knew that coming into this series. I think it really helped us out tonight ... [that] we knew what it would take to win."

Friday's game saw the Bisons jump out to an early lead midway through the first as they ended Clayton Poole's playoff shutout record at 129 minutes, but the

U of A Golden Bears

VS

Manitoba Bisons

5-1

Alberta scorers: Ryan Wade (2), Kris Knoblauch, Kevin Marsh, Bobby Niedzielski

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VS

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3-1

Alberta scorers: Massimo Provenzano, Mike Garrow, Kevin Marsh

Bears clawed back to even the beams on the powerplay as Kris Knoblauch netted his thirtieth of the season.

The West Division champions went ahead on the strength of a Kevin Marsh back-hand and

didn't look back. The third period saw a shorthanded effort from Bobby Niedzielski and winger Ryan Wade net a pair as the Bears put icing on a 5-1 victory.

On Saturday night, the teams lived up to their billings as two of the best teams in the country as they battled for their playoff lives.

After exchanging early goals, the teams battled for nearly 30 minutes under the gridlocked scoreboard. Manitoba dug with the best of them; at times their rushes were fearless, their defensive-zone a maze, and their goalie a wall.

"They're quick, a real run-and-gun team. They came at us hard," said blue-liner Ryan Marsh, who helped weather the assault. "You have to hand it to our forwards. They came back hard and I can't stress enough how that helps our defence-

men—that and great goaltending."

From the mid-second on, the Bears' chances improved and became more frequent. The Bears' persistence paid off in the late-second when Mike Garrow's point shot deflected through a crowded slot to beat the very solid Manitoba backstopper, Tim Winters.

The third period saw the Bears lock down the Bisons' offence, not giving an inch in a valiant effort to protect the lead. The Bears showed the same fore-checking prowess which proved so effective in the past.

"They really seemed to tire out," said Provenzano, who notched the Bears' first goal and had an all-around solid game. "In the third we took right over. We kept working hard and if we go hard for 60, no one can keep up to us."

Fans were put on the edge of their seat more than once during the final stanza, but in the end the Bears hit two empty net posts before Kevin Marsh finished the job, sealing the 3-1 victory and the Bears' spot at Nationals.

"[Winning Canada West] is the best way to end my career here," said fifth-year captain Ryan Marsh who, alongside veteran Russ Hewson, were the only Bears to have previously won a Canada West title.

"There's three more games left before we finish it off in style," continued Marsh. "We have to keep believing in ourselves and keep the pedal down for the next couple of weeks."

The Bears are now off to defend their national title at the University Cup tournament held in Kingston. Also attending on merit: the St FX X-men, the Saint Thomas Tommies, the UQTR Patriotes, and the UWO Mustangs. As part of the world's most confusing format, Guelph, Waterloo and Wilfred Laurier will battle for entrance as the host team.

Alberta awarded six of seven conference awards

Collin Gallant
SPORTS STAFF

In addition to the WG Hardy trophy as Canada West Champions, last week, several Golden Bears picked up individual awards for their season's achievements.

Assistant captain Russ Hewson was doubly honoured, being named the Canada West MVP and winning the Dave "Sweeney" Shriner trophy as leading scorer. Hewson becomes the first player to win the MVP in consecutive seasons as one of the big wheels in the Golden Bears' near-perfect season. He joins seven other Bears alumni as MVP winners, including former linemate Mike Thompson.

The powerful forward led the entire CIAU in scoring with 21 goals for 56 points in 28 regular season games, earning him his third consecutive Canada West scoring crown—another first.

The goaltending trio of Clayton Pool, Greg Tooke and Dustin Schwartz carried away the Adam Kryczka Trophy as the goaltending

team with the lowest goals against average.

Pool carried the lion's share of the goaltending duties, being the goalie of decision in 27 of the Bears' 41 games, and posted a record six shutouts. Together, the three set a record for fewest goals allowed over one season (57) and had a combined 2.04 GAA.

Mike Garrow may not have scored a goal in the regular season, but the veteran defenceman's 21 helpers sufficiently impressed the voting to win the Red Dutton award as Canada West Outstanding Defenceman.

Blueliner Jeff Zorn kept it in the family, winning the U of A Alumni Trophy as the Canada West Outstanding Freshman. The former WHL journeyman joined the Bears in September after five seasons in the Western League with four teams (starting when he was 16). Zorn ended the season tied with teammate Garrow for the scoring lead among defencemen (21 points).

Kris Knoblauch was awarded the UBC Hockey Alumni Trophy as the

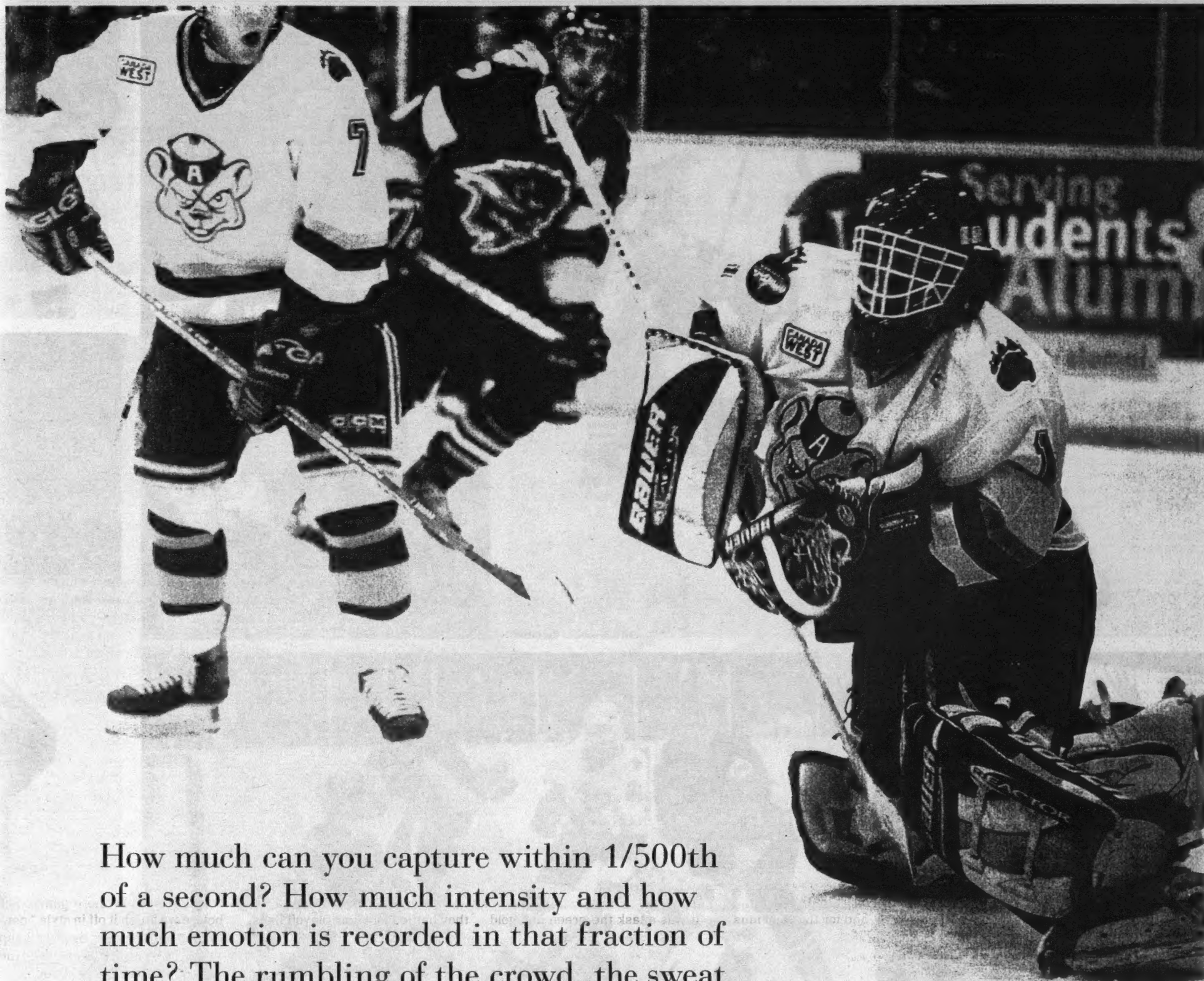


Chul-Ahn Jeong / THE GATEWAY

Kris Knoblauch scored 49 points this season, recording only five penalties.

player who best combines sportsmanship and ability. The sophomore left-winger finished the season

second in the scoring race with 24 goals for 49 points, while only committing five fouls in 41 games.



mark woytiuk / THE GATEWAY

How much can you capture within 1/500th of a second? How much intensity and how much emotion is recorded in that fraction of time? The rumbling of the crowd, the sweat of the players and the excitement that infects everyone is frozen in a single frame. But which frame and which moment? — Mark Woytiuk

Split-second timing might be the sixth sense which all sport photographers share, but it's their attention to detail that really sets them apart from all other photographers. Sports photographers must use every sense simultaneously to produce the shots that appear in the paper.

Sight is overrated. Photographers must feel the energy in the image seen through the lens. They must listen to the roar of the crowd to know when an enormous body-check is about to occur, and hear the sound of a slapshot firing a puck towards the goaltender focused in the lens.

When a photographer listens, feels, and sees all, she is in the Zone. Once that elusive state is reached, the camera is weightless. The dangers of flying pucks or charging players are non-existent.

The only thing in the photographer's mind is getting the shot. When she gets the shot, she knows it. The photographer has absolutely no doubt that frame number 15 is money.
— Marcus Bence

With two seconds to go on Saturday night, a slow-moving puck drifted down the ice in Clare Drake arena and sunk into the back of an empty net. On Sunday afternoon in the main gym, a war was fought where shot after shot just refused to drop through the hoop.

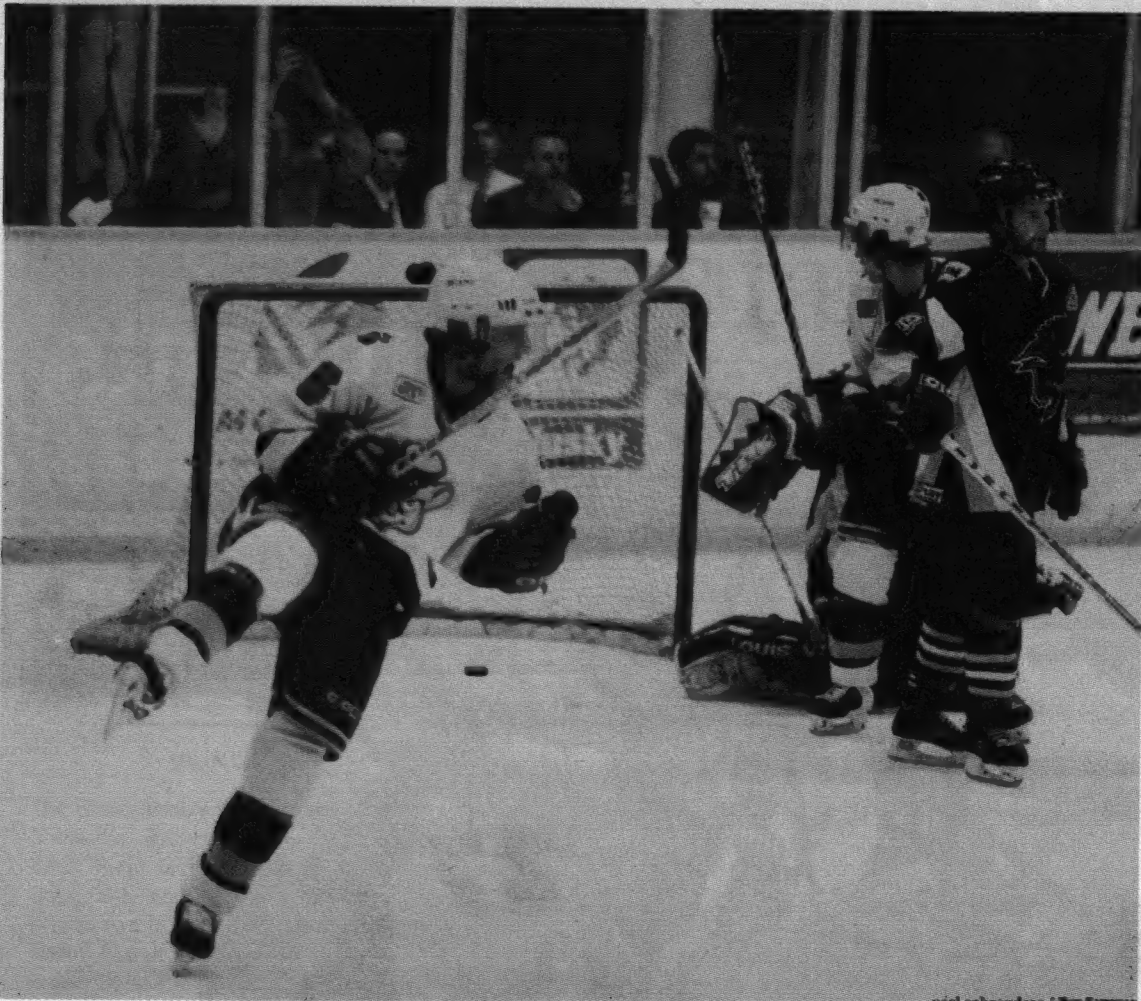
The hockey arena almost shook as the Bears and their fans erupted with joy and realized what it felt like to be on top of the world.

The impossible strain of just three more baskets eased and passed with the game's last second, and the Pandas' hopes for gold were washed away in tears.

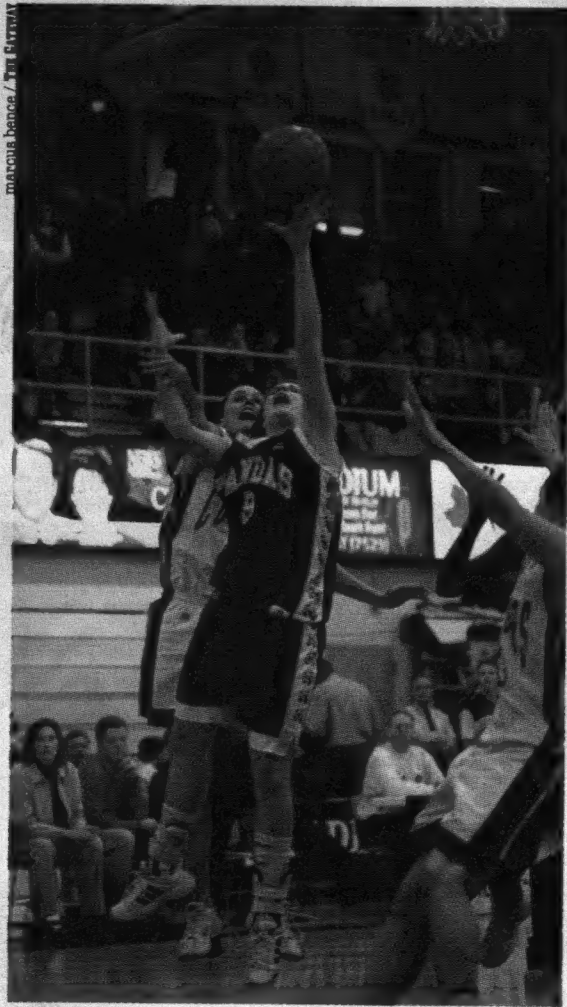
I watched it all from just outside and just beyond. Tears lost, tears won. Tears from out of who they were. Through my lens, I shared a moment and I walked away with a bag of dreams. These are some of what I kept, and looking through, looking in, I find a world of meaning that my eye brought me to.

— Carl Schreuders

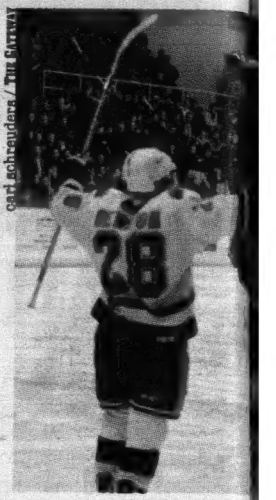
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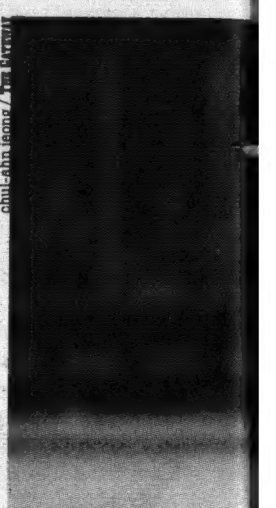
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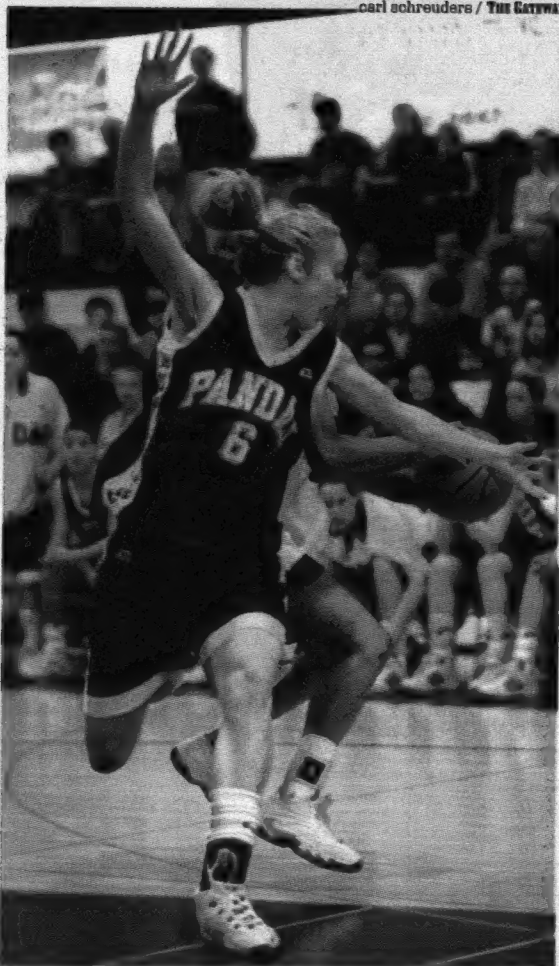
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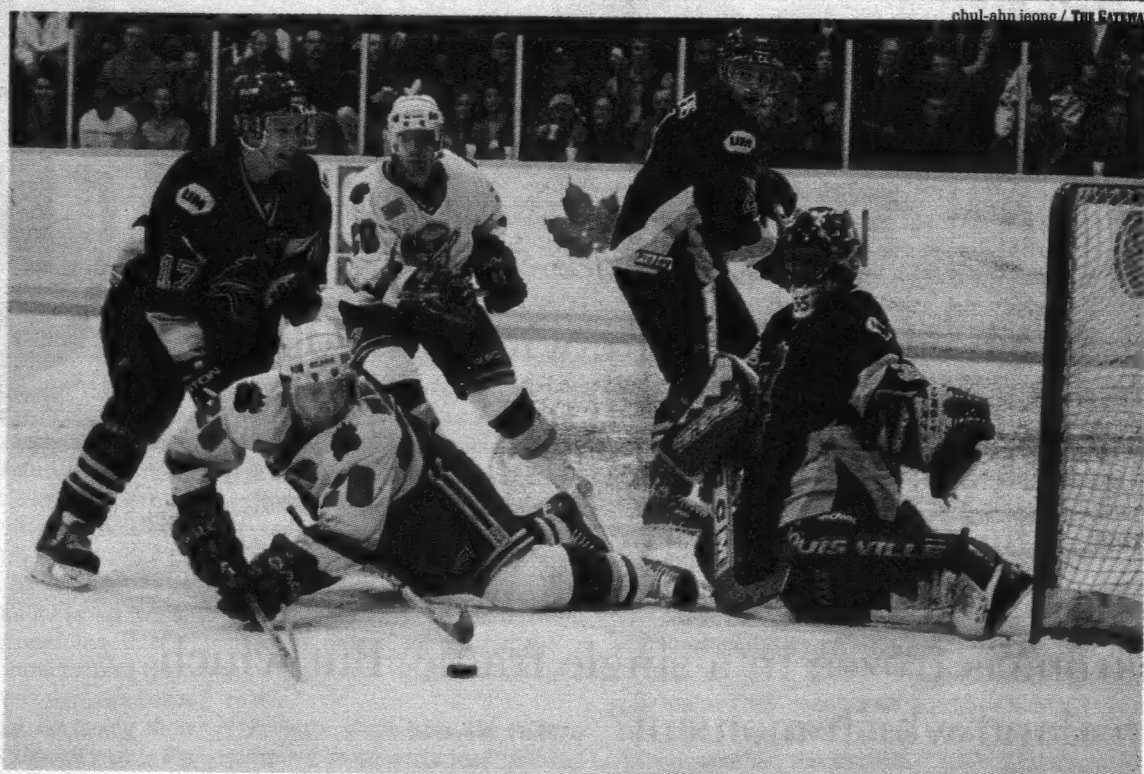
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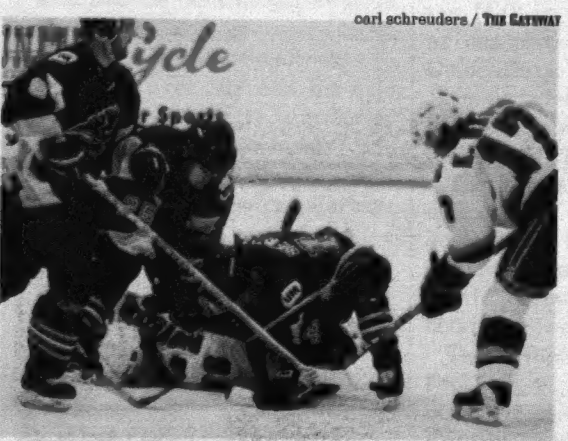
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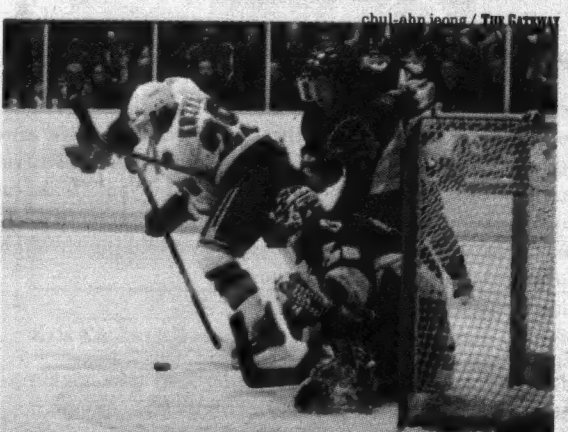
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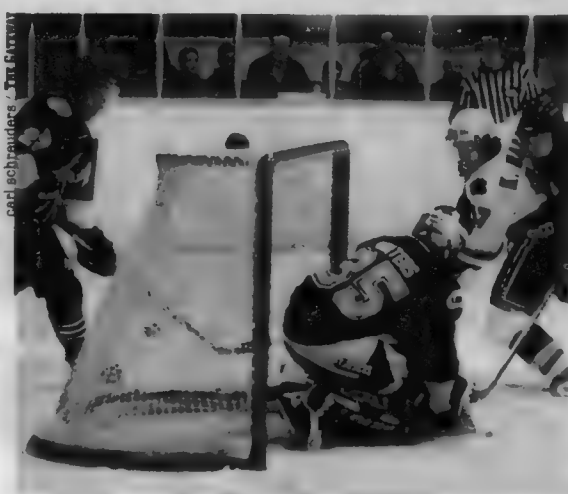
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Basketball Panda underdogs take silver

Clive Kriekenbeek
MONTREAL

The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it. Hosting the CIAU Women's Basketball Championship, the Pandas basketball team defied all odds and kept the silver medal as a souvenir. With a conference record of 10-12, the Pandas played the role of the underdogs of the tournament, but climbed past the best teams in the country to the final gold-medal game against Regina.

The quarterfinal game against the number-one seeded Laval Rouge et Or defined a new level of play for Alberta. After resting for three weeks, the Pandas showed the intensity and composure of a championship team, and frustrated the Rouge et Ors with an early lead. By the half, the score was 42-33 in favor of the Pandas and, as if that spread wasn't enough, Diane Smith scored 10 consecutive points to increase Alberta's lead to an impressive 20 points.

"We decided we were going to come out to play and we came out," commented Smith, who led with 23 points. According to Smith, the game was about proving that they could do it.

"We're going for the gold," exclaimed Smith. "And we're ready, from the looks of tonight."

As the announcer introduced the Pandas as "the most dangerous team" of the tournament, a grin appeared on the face of Dave Wilson, the coach of Queen's Golden Gaels. It soon disappeared, however, as the Pandas took to the court and demonstrated the value of determination.

It was neck-at-neck until the second half, when the Pandas slowly increased their lead and pushed their way through with guards Cristi Allan and Amanda Smith. Smith was "the woman who made things happen," playing "unbelievably well," getting the tough shots as well as playing some tough defense, according to Alberta head coach Trix Baker. Cristi Allan said the key to their victory was in their "never say die" attitude.

"It was a running game. When we stopped running, we'd stop scoring," said Allan.

Coach Wilson was impressed by the Alberta's athleticism, and commented, "[Alberta] did a very good



Carl Schreuders / THE GATEWAY

The Regina Cougars came out masters of the Main Gym and the nation when they took the "bronze baby" last weekend. The Pandas won silver.

job of moving the ball, playing the perimeter. They had an aggressive defense that did a good job taking us out of our rhythm. I like what they're doing."

No one expected us to make it this far. We just went out and played for ourselves. Now we're a little sad, but when we look back tomorrow, we'll see that we've accomplished so much.

—Amanda Smith, guard, Pandas basketball

Carrying so much momentum from the first two games, the Pandas were not prepared to have that turn around on them in the gold medal game by a team that coach Baker considers an older mirror image. Once Regina got the lead, the Pandas could match up the points, but not the scores.

"We battled back, but could never cover the gap," said Smith. Baker commented on the improvement of Regina.

"They've come a long way. They're a lot more patient offensively, and they played great," she said. The Pandas lost the gold by nine points, but earned the silver.

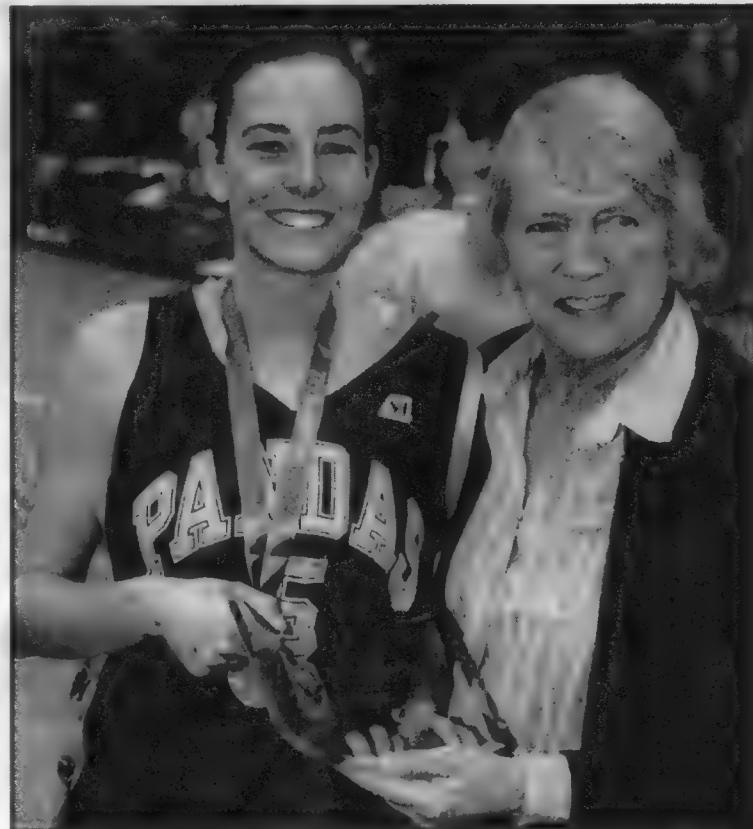
"We had an awesome tournament," said Smith. "No one expected us to make it this far. We just went out and played for ourselves. Now we're a little sad, but when we look back tomorrow, we'll see that we've accomplished so much."

Graduating guard Cathy Butlin was nominated tournament MVP, racking 30 points in the gold-medal game.

With the silver medal around their necks, the Pandas are already looking forward to next year's Nationals at McMaster, where they'll be one of the more senior teams in the league, and more of a threat, especially with the Championship experience.

"There's a lot of turnover in the league and we'll be one of the teams with the least amount," said Baker.

Smith says they'll start practicing for next season on Monday.



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Tournament All-Star Cathy Butlin with Lieutenant-Governor Lois Hole.

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STUDENTS' UNION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



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Positions subject to Council ratification and signing of employment contract.

Academic Affairs Coordinator

As Academic Affairs Coordinator you will work with the VP Academic on various academic issues, coordinating projects related to academic affairs at the University. You will represent the VP Academic on several University committees and serve as the resource person for the AAB, GFCSC and student reps on University committees. This position requires a minimum of 20 hours per week in office time.

Remuneration: \$1000/month May-Aug
\$875/month Sept-April

For further information contact the VP Academic.

Interviews scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, starting at 5:00 p.m.

Community Relations Coordinator

The Community Relations Coordinator reports to the VP External. The CRC will assist the VP External while working on the organization of on and off-campus events designed to introduce members of the community and prospective students to the Students' Union and the University of Alberta. This position requires a minimum of 20 hours per week in office time.

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Information Registries Director

Develop your management abilities in the challenging position of Director of the Information Registries. The Information Registries offers a wide variety of services to students including general information, housing, and exams via three information booths and a main office. This service also operates a TicketMaster outlet and accepts Gateway classified ads from the public. Enhance your skills as a leader and supervisor while gaining valuable planning and decision making experience.

Remuneration: \$1250/month

For further information contact the Manager of Student Services at 492-9785.

Interviews are scheduled for Friday, March 23 starting at 5:00 p.m.

OmbudService Director

Take part in a partnership between the Students' Union and the Dean of Students' Office as an Ombudperson. As one of three Directors of the Student OmbudService, you possess strong listening skills and are an effective mediator. You are familiar with University and Students' Union grievance and appeal procedures, and will represent and advise students on such matters. You will also gain valuable experience in the administration and marketing of this service in conjunction with your fellow Ombudpersons.

Remuneration: \$1200.00 / month

Term: This position requires a two-year commitment.

For further information contact the Manager of Student Services at 492-9785.

Interviews are scheduled for Saturday, March 24 starting at 12:00 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Required to attend and record accurate minutes of all Students' Union Council meetings held every second Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Must type minutes on a MacIntosh system and produce a finished product to hand into the SU offices within a designated time frame.

Qualifications:

Must have experience minute taking, be quick and accurate, know Roberts' Rules of Order, parliamentary procedure and MS Word 5.1.

Remuneration: \$75.54/meeting

For further information contact Catherine van de Braak

Interviews schedule TBA

Safewalk Director

Work with a large body of dedicated volunteers and help make our campus a safer place as the Director of Safewalk. In partnership with an associate director, you will gain valuable experience in the administration and marketing of this service. You will work with other units on campus to improve and promote safety and your service. This is an excellent opportunity to develop a broad range of volunteer management and administrative skills.

Remuneration: \$1225/ month

For further information contact the Manager of Student Services at 492-9785.
Interviews are scheduled for Monday, March 26 starting at 5:00 pm.

Speaker of Students' Council

As the Speaker of Students' Council you have experience chairing meetings and a strong working knowledge of Roberts' Rules of Order. You will chair all meetings of Students' Council in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order and the Standing Orders of Students' Council.

Remuneration: \$75.54/meeting

For further information contact the President.

Interviews scheduled for Thursday, March 29, starting at 4:30 p.m.

Student Activities Coordinator

The Student Activities Coordinator reports to the Vice-President Student Life and will work on both the programming component and the volunteer management component of the VP Student Life's portfolio. This position requires a minimum of 20 hours per week in office time.

Remuneration: \$1000/ month May - August
\$875/month Sept - April

For further information contact the VP Student Life.

Interviews scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, starting at 5:00 p.m.

Student Groups Director

Organize and provide support to a diverse array of student groups as the Director of Student Groups. You will provide administration and support to these groups on behalf of both the Students' Union and the University. These activities include registration; office space; information events and promotional activities; employment opportunities and financial support; and general advice. This position offers an excellent opportunity to work with a broad range of people and to enhance administrative and communications skills.

Remuneration: \$1050/ month

For further information contact the Manager of Student Services at 492-9785.

Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, March 28 starting at 5:00 p.m.

Student Distress Centre Director

Provide students on campus with a vital, volunteer-based service as the Director of Student Distress Centre. In conjunction with the Distress Line, Student Distress Centre offers peer counselling, crisis intervention and information/referral services to the campus community. You will be responsible for the recruitment, training and supervision of the service's volunteers. Gain useful experience in service delivery, volunteer and staff management, administration, and planning. You must have at least one year of comparable peer-counselling experience.

Remuneration: \$1225/ month

For further information contact the Manager of Student Services at 492-9785.

Interviews are scheduled for Saturday, March 24 starting at 1:30 p.m.

Student Communications Coordinator

The Student Communications Coordinator reports to the President, will work closely with the Supervisor - Media, Graphic Design & Layout, and will work on communication and outreach to the Student Body on behalf of the Students' Union. This position requires a minimum of 20 hours per week in office time.

Remuneration: \$1000/month May - August
\$875/month Sept. - April

For further information contact the President.

Interviews scheduled for Friday, March 30, starting at 5:00 p.m.

Athletic Campus Events Coordinator

Athletic Campus Events Coordinator reports to the VP Student Life and acts as a liaison between the Students' Union and the U of A Athletics' Marketing Department. This position is responsible for all aspects of on-campus marketing and promotional programming for all Athletics activities. This includes advertising, promotions, volunteer recruitment, scheduling, training and appreciation. This term position runs from August 21, 2000-December 8, 2000 and January 2, 2001-March 31, 2001. This position requires a minimum average of 20 hours per week in office time.

Remuneration: \$813.00/month

For further information contact the VP Student Life

Interviews Friday March 30 starting at 5:00 pm

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES BOARDS & COMMITTEES



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STUDENTS' UNION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS BOARD

- requires 6 student-at-large members
 - makes recommendations to Students' Council on academic issues
 - assists and advises the Vice-President Academic
 - deals with activities relating to student awareness of academic issues
 - administers Students' Union Awards
- For further information contact the VP Academic
Interviews scheduled for Monday, April 9, starting at 5:00 p.m.

ACCESS FUND COMMITTEE

- requires 3 student-at-large members
 - deals with eligibility guidelines, setting the number and value, and actual handing out of Students' Union Access Fund bursaries
 - will also work on the marketing aspect of the Access Fund
- For further information contact the VP Operations & Finance
Interviews scheduled for Monday, April 9, starting at 8:00 p.m.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

- requires 4 student-at-large members
 - selects the recipients of the Students' Union Involvement Awards
- For further information contact the VP Academic
Interviews scheduled for Monday, April 9, starting at 8:00 p.m.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF SELECTION COMMITTEE

- requires 2 student-at-large members
 - interviews and selects the Gateway Editor-In-Chief for the 2000-2001 term
- For further information contact the VP Student Life
Interviews scheduled for Friday, April 6, starting at 5:00 p.m.

EUGENE L. BRODY FUNDING COMMITTEE

- requires 5 student-at-large members
 - determines Students' Union financial donations to various charitable or relief projects.
- For further information contact the VP External
Interviews scheduled for Thursday, April 5, starting at 8:00 p.m.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BOARD

- requires 6 student-at-large members
 - creates and coordinates projects on campus concerning various issues of interest and concern
 - makes recommendations to Students' Council on political issues
- For further information contact the VP External
Interviews scheduled for Friday, April 6, starting at 8:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS BOARD

- requires 4 student-at-large members
 - sets guidelines for the SU preliminary budget
 - prepares the SU final budget for Students' Council
 - considers financial matters which relate to the SU
- For further information contact the VP Operations & Finance
Interviews scheduled for Monday, April 9, starting at 5:00 p.m.

GATEWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- requires 3 student-at-large members
 - hears grievances against "The Gateway" and recommends appropriate action
 - meets and discusses the Editor-in-Chief's monthly reports and passes on the appropriate sections to Students' Council
 - makes recommendations regarding the Student Newspaper Bylaw, and ensures Editors and News staff are obeying the same
- For further information contact the VP Student Life
Interviews scheduled for Monday, April 9, starting at 7:00 p.m.

GOLDEN BEAR AND PANDA LEGACY FUND COMMITTEE

- requires 2 student-at-large members
 - determines the allocation of the funds to varsity teams and student groups on the basis of need
- For further information contact the VP Operations & Finance
Interviews scheduled for Thursday, April 12, starting at 8:00 p.m.

CAMPUS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT FUND

- requires 2 student-at-large members
 - determines the allocation of funds to Campus Recreation related programs, equipment, and facilities on the basis of need
- For further information contact the VP Operations & Finance
Interviews scheduled for Thursday April 12 starting at 8:00 pm

INTERNAL REVIEW BOARD

- requires 2 student-at-large members
 - continually reviews existing bylaws and operating policies
 - monitors the operations of the Students' Union
 - directs and recommends action in form of bylaws or policies
- For further information contact the President
Interviews scheduled for Thursday, April 5, starting at 5:00 p.m.

PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

- requires 5 student-at-large members
 - makes recommendations regarding SU entertainment events and programs
 - provides reports to Students' Council regarding SU events & activities.
- For further information contact the VP Student Life
Interviews scheduled for Thursday, April 5, starting at 8:00 p.m.

STUDENT GROUPS COMMITTEE

- requires 5 student-at-large members
 - considers grants for financial assistance from SU student groups
 - selects student groups to receive work for the SU-sponsored events and Din-woodie Lounge
 - advises the Director of Student Groups on all matters concerning clubs registered to the Students' Union
- For more information, contact the Student Groups Director at 492-9789
Interviews scheduled for Monday, April 9, starting at 5:00 p.m.

STUDENT LIFE BOARD

- requires 6 student-at-large members
 - makes recommendations and raises awareness of non-academic University issues
 - monitors and provides direction to HARC, Programming and WOW Planning Committee
- For more information, contact the VP Student Life
Interviews scheduled for Thursday, April 5, starting at 5:00 p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS

COMMITTEE ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- requires 1 undergraduate student
 - to recommend policy and serve as the focal point for consideration of policy issues to the University community
 - to receive reports from the Committee of Bio-Safety and Radiation Control, admin. units, and committees with related issues and programs
- Meets: At the call of the Chair

ONEcard ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- requires 1 undergraduate student to provide valuable feedback and guidance on all aspects of the current and future ONEcard operations.
- Meets: At the call of the Chair
For further information on Standing Committees contact the VP Academic.
Interviews to be scheduled for Wednesday, March 31, evening

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA SENATE

- requires 3 undergraduate students
 - the Senate's responsibility is to inquire into any matter that may enhance the image of the University and act as a link between the University and the public. The Senate may also authorize the conferring of Honorary Degrees.
- Meets: Four times yearly
For further information contact the VP External
Interviews scheduled for Thursday, April 6, starting at 8:00 p.m.

Math and Cthulhu meet head-on in Thickets

GIG PREVIEW

Darkest of the Hillside Thickets
with Baffin Island Party
and Psychic Void
New City SubUrbs
18 March

Heather (+3) Adler
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

"I have a giant Styrofoam worm that's about ten feet long and goes on top of my head," laughs lead singer Toren Atkinson as he explains one of many extraordinarily bizarre costumes his band has donned for the sake of what they like to call "Cthulhu punk."

So you ask yourself, just what is this "Cthulhu punk" music and what strange amusements does it bring? Well, according to Atkinson "Cthulhu is basically a big space god kind of a thing and he is a giant monster, and he's green, and he has an octopus head, and he has bat wings." His band, the Darkest of the Hillside Thickets, have made a name for themselves with those among us who seem to be eerily drawn to sci-fi monsters like Cthulhu and inexplicably fascinated with the concept multi-sided, coloured dice.

The music is dominated by themes of outer space, creatures from the beyond, and other signifiers of general hipster geekdom. The live show promises to be something even more dubious than a pissed off magical fire-winged



goblin who's just lost his crossbow of enchantment and is looking for some half-elf ass to kick.

In the past, this kind of "gig-nerd" culture has been restricted to the most dimly lit basements of suburbia but the Thickets and their cult following are out to change that in a big way. On stage the band encourages and partakes in a kind

of over the top public debauchery that would make Leonard Nimoy proud.

"One friend of ours was brought on stage in a trunk for the entire set and inside the trunk he was naked but he'd covered his body in green food coloring and he put on an octopus head. So at the end of the show he got out and danced

around on stage." Now that, my nerdy friends, is entertainment.

The progression of these five nice Canadian lads into high priests of Yog-Sothoth rock was a natural one. Atkinson explains in his bio: "First, I played Dungeons & Dragons in Junior High. Of course I immediately became a Satanist and killed my parents. (I had planned that

anyway, but D&D makes a great scapegoat, as any hockey-haired, zit-faced teen psycho knows)."

As time went by the Thicket boys decided to merge their interest in all things paranormal with good old-fashioned punk to form a band of rawk powers +3 and stage presence dexterity +5. "We knew [in the beginning] that we didn't have any musical talent so we needed a shtick."

Now ten years into their career the "shtick" is more outrageous than ever and the musical talent has even managed to catch up a bit. As for those parents of his who supposedly fell victim to death by D&D, Atkinson admits their perception of his dedication to the band has changed some. "My mother is very proud of me and that I'm getting outside once in a while."

Their latest CD, *Spaceship Zero*, including the tracks "Requiem for a Clone Hunter," "The Innsmouth Look," and my personal favourite, "The Math Song," featuring the lyrics: "X by the tangent of n, n minus Pi over 40, that equals negative nine. Negative nine is so fine. You've got a brain and nobody really needs another love song."

Their show this Sunday at New City Suburbs is being put on by the U of A Gamers club. If you've got a particular fixation with space monsters, calculus, or just want to see full grown men dancing around on stage wearing nothing by green food coloring and octopus masks be sure to check it out. It's sure to totally rock in a +5 wizard mace kind of way.

Hawkins nails it: former Lowest of the Low member anything but rusty

GIG REVIEW

Ron Hawkins & the Rusty Nails
with Turbinado
New City Likwid Lounge
10 March

David Zeibin
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

A smoky, Texas breakfast bar could almost describe the scene at the Likwid Lounge last Friday, as a noticeably older crowd waited for the post-punk sounds of Ron Hawkins & the Rusty Nails. The lazy drunken ambience lulled us into typical bar conversation:

"Quick. Say something that will compromise your integrity," snapped my mop-headed companion.

"I'd really like to get with that ... girl," I blurted out. "I think that compromises my integrity a fair bit more than expected."

Such was the atmosphere about the Likwid Lounge last Friday, amidst songs played in the key of "fast and happy," in accordance with Ron Hawkins' preference for love of just like that: fast and happy.

But I suppose that's just my half-blind impression, formed from a shot of banter offered by the old-school Toronto punker.

Word has it that Hawkins has

been playing music for half of his 36 years and has done nothing else but rock for the past ten.

Formerly a member of alt-rock band, Lowest of The Low, Hawkins joined the Rusty Nails about four years ago and the current tour celebrates their newest release, *Crackstatic*. And let me say right now that all that his experience shows.

I didn't mean to see Hawkins at all actually; he was merely an added bonus. My original intent in attending the gig was to see locals Turbinado after being duly impressed by their showing at last September's Buicks send-off gig.

I remember Turbinado as a three-piece, but the four-piece version (mind you, guitar dynamo Chris Stanton insists that they were always a four-piece) this time 'round was equally satisfying. The band was able to spread out a bit more, incorporating some organ and scads of Rheostatics-inflected but often east-coast pop vocals with all three members contributing. Either that, or Stanton's a lie-filled cad.

The set, however, was everything but long enough for my liking. An overly long intermission began to make my eyelids a tad heavy; I found this rock 'n roll show taxing, not starting until a ripe 11:00pm and the headlining Hawkins not taking stage until sometime after midnight. But patience is a virtue



Patrick Finlay / THE GATEWAY

Ron Hawkins and his Rusty friends entertained a rambunctious full house last Saturday at the Likwid Lounge.

and the wait was surely worth it.

Opening with a couple tunes from their aforementioned latest effort, Hawkins and the Nails covered a lot of ground, sampling a good portion of both their albums throughout their solid performance. What began as a revival of late 1970's new-wave pop, had become easier-to-dance-to slumped down punkish rock by mid-set—extra ornaments tucked away smoking cigarettes near the back of the stage.

"Ornaments?" you say? I refer to a pair of seasoned musicians sport-

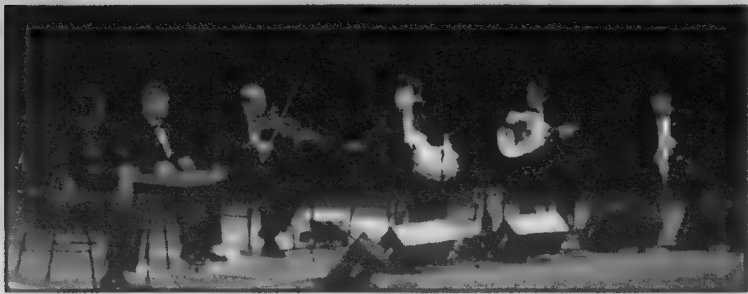
ing tenor saxophones that spent a fair portion of the show just hangin' out while the rest of the crew focused on a stripped-down rock sound. Otherwise, the band consisted of a backup vocalist/utility player, Hawkins on guitar of course, a genuinely handsome bass player, and a drummer, lost in the shadows for most of the show.

After sampling a bit of Hawkins' past accomplishments with the Low, it must be said that the current set-up (garnering a sound compared to Elvis Costello's post-punk stylings) is much more fresh

and satisfying. Hawkins' past, as well as the latter half of the show's set, seemed rather typical and uncreative beside his new moves.

But all was not lost. As if to demonstrate where their future lies, Hawkins and friends came back to the new wave for a pair of dandy encore songs: their own "Be My Alibi" and the Cars' 1977 famous-maker, "Just What I Needed."

Indeed, Hawkins and his new wave may be encroaching upon middle age, but they still find the time to entertain the little boys and girls of Edmonton.



Ayaz Kaseem / THE GATEWAY
Buchan Öcal (third from the right) leads the Istanbul Oriental Ensemble in a program of traditional Turkish music entitled *Serenading the Sultans* for a crowd at the Winspear Centre last Wednesday.

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How does Canadian funnyman tap into our national consciousness?

MINI-FEATURE Rick Mercer

Adam Rozenhart
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

I've recently had to come to terms with some serious issues in my life. Some of them are simple, but others are complicated. The most complicated one is my obsession with Rick Mercer.

If I had the anatomy to do it, I would have Rick's babies. Some people believe that Pierre Trudeau is a national treasure. However, I would make the case that the co-host of *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* is Canada's gem.

You're probably wondering where this rant is headed. Well, as many of you are no doubt aware, Mercer was given the honour of hosting the Juno Awards this year. While the Junos may not have the same glamour and glitz as our Yankee counterparts' award ceremonies, Mercer can definitely hold his own when compared to the likes of Billy Crystal and Whoopi Goldberg.

Perhaps it's that Mercer carries himself in a way that is relatively uncommon to most stars we are forced to watch. Week after week, he delivers the satirical news and does so with composure and (I dare say) elegance. He is sincere, and probably believes what he is saying, even if he is putting a humorous spin on it.

Mercer is a mouthpiece for all Canadians. He knows the beat of

the nation, and his role is to voice our frustrations. The electoral process is supposed to be a place where we can speak our minds, but it feels like we're rarely heard.

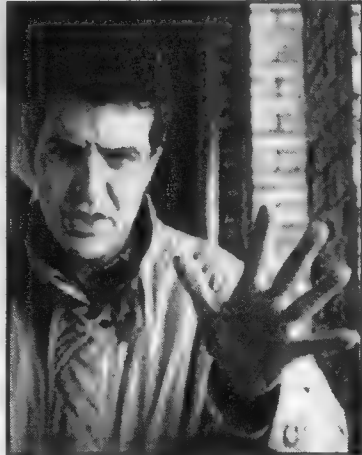
Mercer speaks on our behalf. He is our ambassador, standing on his soap-box every week to make sure that Joe Clark knows just how boring he is, that Stockwell Day knows that (most of us) think he's a complete asshole, and that Jean Chrétien knows that half of his face doesn't work properly.

So, it isn't just his boyish good looks, his Maritime charms, or the sickening amount of awards he has won (14 Gemini's). Mercer taps into the collective grumbling that many Canadians experience at the thought of some of the government's actions. Mercer brings to the forefront issues that many of us just shrug off and ignore because they're too complicated, and the energy it takes to verbally disagree with them is too high. He exudes some indefinable quality (maybe its sex-appeal) that endears him to our hearts.

Above all else, he makes us think, using the tools of satire and laughter.

While many viewers shrug off Mercer and his troop, dismissing them as "left-wing nuts," there are people like me watching at home in their favourite chair, convulsing with laughter, nodding our heads and thinking, "How can those damn Yankees think Tim Horton is our Prime Minister!"

In the end, that's what it's all



about: a message spoken by a powerful and hilarious man, perhaps the most powerful and hilarious man in Canada.

Though the message may be oozing with satire and sarcasm, there has never been a time when the phrase "it's funny because it's true" has so much meaning.

I'll continue to worship Mr Mercer because of what he does for me. He makes me think, he gets me worked-up on issues I would probably otherwise ignore, he tells me to burn things ... And I've said too much. Suffice it to say, I hold this man in high esteem. He makes me laugh, and he doesn't without resorting to some inane fart joke. Well-thought-out satire is the name of the game, and Mercer and his troop play the game like pros.

If anyone was able to get me interested in politics this year, it wasn't Jean, Stock, Alexa, or Joe, it was the almighty, satirical Rick Mercer.



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Tombstone Feast: Funerary Music of Carriacou—The 1962 Field Recordings
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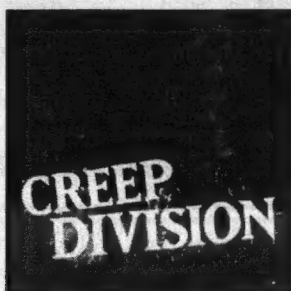
Death never sounded so good.

This collection of Caribbean funerary music from the island of Carriacou is a must for any exotica collection.

Listening to the raucous chantings of the mourners and the beat of the big drums, it sounds like everyone's having a blast. Of course, the mixed chorus of mourners probably weren't in a good mood, considering they were at a funeral. But that's not reflected in the jangly tracks of funerary enjoyment.

I think we'd all feel violated if someone made a CD called "Funeral Music of Canada," but that just ain't gonna happen.

This music is too darned hot. When I die, I want a traditional Carriacou ceremony, complete with upbeat chantings and Afro-Caribbean rhythms.



Creep Division
Self Titled
 Sonic Unyon
www.sonicunyon.com

Geoff Moysa
 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

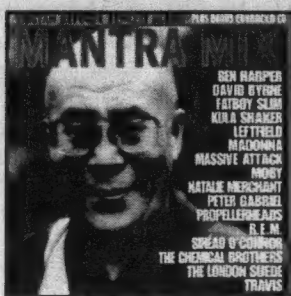
It is somehow fitting that an album full of generic, paint-by-numbers '82-era hardcore would

result from a combination of two bands that have failed to evolve significantly in their own right.

Creep Division is a side project made up of members of seminal punk/hardcore bands Good Riddance and Sick Of It All, but this disc sounds more like an uninspired carbon copy of Youth Of Today or Government Issue-style hardcore.

Part of the explanation for this tired sound may lie in the fact that most of the members are playing out of their elements. Good Riddance vocalist Russ Rankin dons the guitar and Sick Of It All bassist Craig Ahead takes on vocal duties, and both do a rather mediocre job.

Whatever the cause, don't expect anything from this CD that wasn't done better 20 years ago.



Various Artists
Mantra Mix: The Tibetan Refugee Benefit Album
 Narada Records
www.mantramix.com

Kris Berezanski
 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

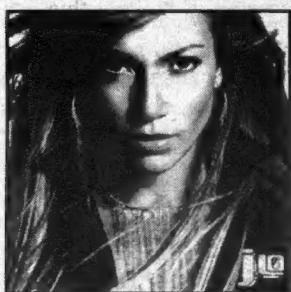
Following in the footsteps of *No Boundaries: The Kosovo Refugee Album* comes *Mantra Mix*, which contributes proceeds toward helping Tibetan refugees in India and Nepal.

It's an eclectic collection of popular artists, such as Madonna, Fatboy Slim, and Travis, with the inclusion of respected world artists Phillip Glass and Peter Gabriel.

The two-CD set contains previously released hits on one disc, and Tibetan sounds with electronic backbeats on the other.

Both discs stand out in their own respect, but there are only three tracks (out of 26) that are new, which is somewhat disappointing.

A special bonus is the enhanced portion of this disc, featuring videos of the Dalai Lama speaking about the plight of the Tibetan people—a pleasing addition that more than makes up for the many recycled songs.



Jennifer Lopez
J.Lo
 Epic Records
www.jenniferlopez.com

Kim Davison
 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

This disc, the follow-up to 1999's hugely successful *On the 6*, is quite a mixed bag. If you don't look for a deeper message (and you shouldn't in music like this) it's a fairly satisfying pop record.

It quickly becomes evident that Jennifer should stick to the upbeat dance tracks that she is famous for. The ballads here all fall flat due to an overload of queso (that's cheese, for the uninitiated Spanish speaker).

"Come Over" is so lame that it reads like step-by-step instructions on how to have sex. Apparently, if you come over, she will "do very erotic things."

"Secretly" is guaranteed to elicit a laugh, especially when Lopez heavily breathes "Do I look sexy to you?" and the perennial favourite, "You smell so good."

There's even a desperate grasp for some semblance of street credibility on "Play" when she orders a DJ to "play [her] motherfucking song."

The one standout, "Ain't it Funny," is a pretty song about a love that can never be realized. Ultimately, if it's slickly produced party music you're after, *J.Lo* is one-stop shopping.



Thievery Corporation
The Mirror Conspiracy
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Skip
 PRODUCTION EDITOR

Terribly infectious and wonderfully awkward, the Thievery Corporation has offered up this new release in response to an electronic music scene rife with cold, unemotional compositions.

Drawing on bossa nova, dub, and

jazz influences, the album molds a thirteen-song set of exceptional background music, entitled *The Mirror Conspiracy*, which would be an excellent album to listen to quietly while reading a good book late at night.

But this is not a negative criticism. It's a rare occasion to find such a modest release that doesn't demand your full and complete attention. All of the tracks seem to emphasize the importance of space creating simplistic yet subtly profound productions.

The only criticism I do have, however, is what I believe to be a thinly-veiled lack of focus. As this is only their second release, the Thievery Corporation still seems to be moving in all directions.

It may be too much to ask of a duo that prides itself on diversity, but I eagerly await the release where this focus is the key ingredient.



Donal Lunny
Journey
 Rounder Records
www.rounder.com

Michael Huber
 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Donal Lunny is widely recognized as one of the most influential writers and composers in Irish music today. His primary instruments include the bouzouki, guitar, and bodhrán. His experimental rhythms and instrumentation

have greatly impacted the Irish traditional music scene.

Lunny's music is very snappy and a pleasure to listen to. It exudes a wild spirit and a forward looking approach (as heard in the track "Smeceno Horo"—an Egyptian take on a traditional Irish tune). Anybody who likes Ashley MacIsaac or that Riverdance crap would have a stroke listening to this absolutely amazing group of musicians.

"Spanish Lady" is a remarkable tune featuring Maighread and Triona Ni Dhomhnaill on vocals. This music takes one back in time with its downhome warmth and windswept emotion.

Lunny's reputation speaks for itself. He's worked with the likes of Van Morrison, Elvis Costello, Steve Earle, the Edge, and Sinéad O'Connor. *Journey* is an album any lover of Irish music should own—simply incredible.

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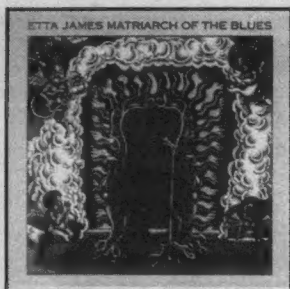
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Two great subjects just got better by getting together!



Etta James
Matriarch of the Blues
PVT
www.windham.com

Sarah Hoyles
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Sipping a beer while surrounded by an eclectic crowd immersed in soulful music at Blues on Whyte came rushing back to me as I ingested the thick sound of Etta James.

Her latest album, *Matriarch of the Blues*, captures all the potency and creativity of this blues veteran.

Etta James' voice has consecrated music for the past five decades after initially starting her career at the young age of sixteen with the hit "Roll With Me, Henry." The gutsy blues queen shows no trepidation as she puts her spin on Bob Dylan's "Gotta Serve Somebody," the Stones' "Miss You," as well as "Hound Dog," the early blues hit made popular by Elvis.

Her songs are lined with pain and revelations from her own life experiences with heroin addiction, financial problems, and abusive relationships. James' music is complimented by a delicious instrumentation that you can really sink your teeth into. Trumpets, trombones, organs, and harmonicas provide each song with multiple tiers.

Inducted into the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame in 1993, contributing to soundtracks such as *Back to the Future* and *Rain Man* as well as receiving the Grammy for Best Jazz Vocalist in 1994, certifies her talent. And this, her latest album can only add to her stature.



Dave Matthews Band
Everyday
RCA
www.davematthewsband.com

Steve Lillebuen
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

One day, Dave Mathews was depressed and unable to write a single happy song. The record company canned the album and sent him to work with another, ahem, happy-go-lucky-big-money makers.

Then, in ten days, Matthews and producer Glen Ballard co-wrote a big pile of shit called *Everyday*.

Everyday you will wish Dave Matthews Band never released this album—the equivalent of wishing that Paul McCartney never joined

Wings. Everyday you will mentally block it out. It never happened. Dave Matthews Band has never sucked. So there.

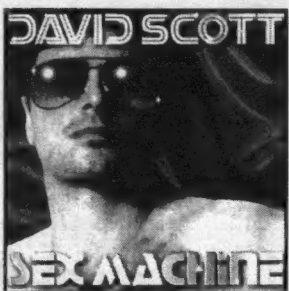
This is the scenario: weird synthesized violins, pop beats, Boyd Tinsley rapping? My God! Blahh! Where's the acoustic guitar? Where's the real violin and sax solos? Where's that funky beat via the original sound?

Everyday is pop-garbage: it's the aural equivalent of being inside a concrete mixer filled with dying pigs being chased by howler monkeys, and about as fun as being eaten alive by ants.

To its credit, *Everyday* is bold in accepting its departure from the old sound. Some of Matthews' lyrics are his best, but can they really be his if they were co-written? As the band has grown they've departed from the influences they had. Only "So Right," and maybe "I Did It," echo their original sound.

The production talents of Ballard indicate an irritating shift away from their previous musical upbringing.

It also indicates that Dave's songwriting well is running dry and filling up with ants, evil flesh-eating ants.



David Scott
Sex Machine
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www.zupton.com

Adam Houston
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Hey there! You know that kind of music you really like? This record isn't like that at all!

And that's despite the fact that it starts out with an amazing intro/

answering machine message that makes it feel just like you're actually phoning the CD, somehow! Especially when you're greeted by the man himself, drunkenly slurring "Hi. My name is David. David Scott. And I ... love you."

You're advised to hang up right then, as David fails to justify anybody's love with "music" that may well be instrumental outtakes from the last La Bouche album, except without the depth or artistic integrity. His bio, however, filled with such vague statements as "he is also suspected of being responsible for the addition of an electronic sound to the group Van Halen," manages to provide almost four and a half minutes of laughter-induced seizures, which might be enjoyable enough to make up for the CD itself.

Just don't ruin the party by swallowing your tongue.

CULTURA OBSCURA



Super Ninja:
Ninja Equipment Playset

Dave Alexander
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

I bet you've always wondered how, in this day and age, one could get trained in the mystical arts of "ninja-ness." The secret is easier than you think.

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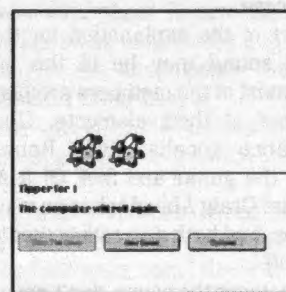
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Lets just hope this doesn't spawn a secret army of Satan worshipping Super Ninjas intent on destroying races of robot-alien.

SITE UNSEEN



www.cowtales.com/passthecows.html

Alana Pentney
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Anyone who grew up in rural Alberta or Saskatchewan knows that cow-tipping is the pastime of the gods. However, legal and ethical issues usually prevent the use of clumsy livestock as tools of

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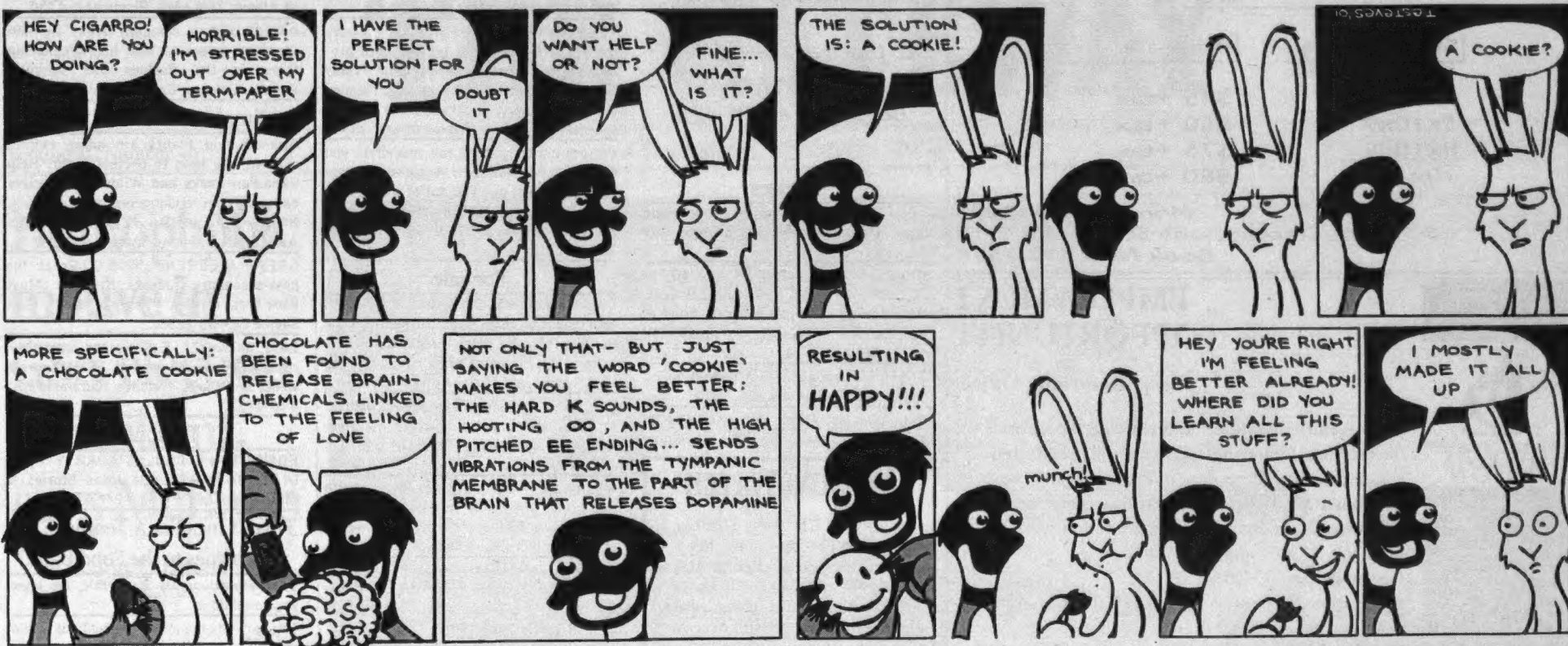
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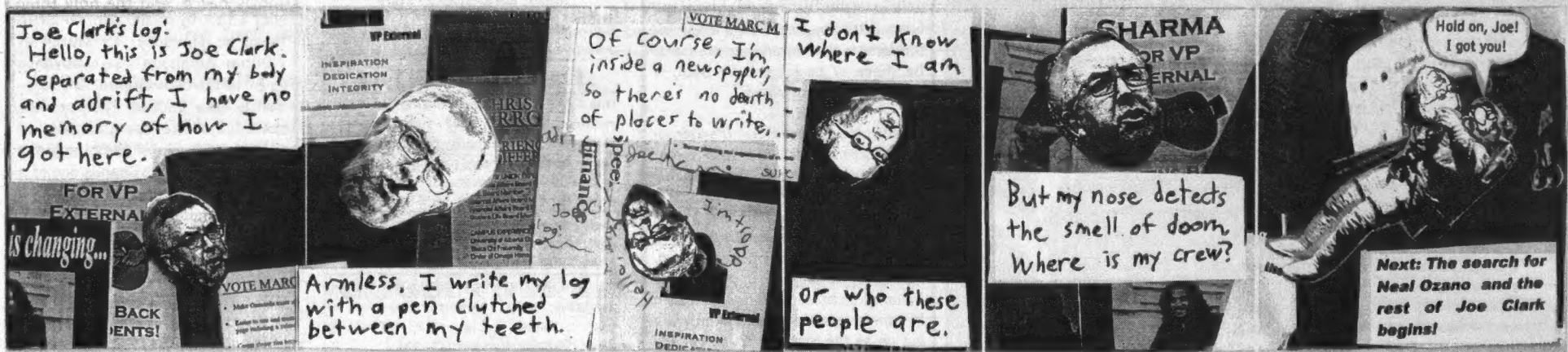
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ASTRONOWATCH

You know, I'm really starting to doubt whether the damn thing is going to come down after all. Maybe the Russians will just keep it up there and conduct weird chimp-related experiments. We'll see. According to the Russians, Mir will be banished to Earth, although it seems they have doubts as to exactly where. Apparently they just bought millions of dollars in insurance in case of disaster. You know what, I'm just going to wait until after it comes down to write my column. Hopefully we'll be saying dasvidayna soon.

Venus is still visible low in the west after dawn, and it is the brightest star-like object in the sky.

Mars can be seen glowing yellow-orange in the south before dawn, so if you're out partying really late, or getting up really early for class. Check it out.

The moon is at last quarter Friday at 1:45pm. Woo.

It was terribly cloudy last Thursday, so the turnout at the observatory was less than amazing. However, this Thursday will be much clearer, so come out. If you're bored with studying, or counting down the hours until Survivor, take a five-minute walk to drop by and see the stars. Be there or be square. Or both, if you're like my boyfriend.

No silly, it's not astrology; it's astronomy. AstronoWatch is a weekly feature published every Tuesday. Our resident astronomer, Kati Kovacs, sets the stage for the cosmos and invites you up to the Campus Observatory every Thursday evening at 8:00pm. Just take the elevator in the Physics Building up to the sixth floor and then the stairs up to the seventh floor. Walk out on to the roof and check out the view with the University's telescopes.

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Are you of Greek origin and interested in starting a UofA Greek club? An organizational meeting will be held Thursday, March 15 in SUB 606 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. E-mail dimitri@ualberta.ca or phone 903-2769 with questions or comments.

Actors required for Fringe Festival Play. 3 women, 2 men and 1 stage manager. Call Robert at 991-8049, e-mail zwerghaus@hotmail.com.

Employment - Full Time

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This guy lets me annoy the hell out of him and then cry on his shoulder. I always feel better.

A pros pos: pre-dance dinner: hot tapas. went to the Roost to dance. Some guys grabbed my un-gay ass. : 0 -win-tersssss

Super party at Skip's place. You is invited! See you there Friday... Mmm. Friday...

HAPPY BOB KNOWS

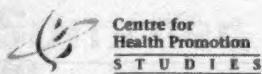
SEEDS (Students Exchanging Environmental and Development Solutions) presents Book Drive! on Monday, 12 March to Friday, 16 March at from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Donation booths are located in SUB, CAB, Education, and HUB. SEEDS is organizing a textbook drive to help establish a student empowerment centre at the University of Zambia. For more info contact Paul Reikie at 491-0097.

The U of A Outdoors Club presents a talk by mixed climber Sean Isaac on Thursday, 15 March at 7:00pm. Admission is \$6 in advance or \$7 at the door charge. The location is Tory Lecture Theatre. The show features slides and video of cutting-edge winter climbing in the Canadian Rockies. Sean is one of a handful of visionary mixed climbers pushing standards in the Canadian Rockies. All this and more is documented in this dynamic 45-minute presentation. For more info contact Deb Harding, UAOC Administrator at 988-1605 or dh4@ualberta.ca.

The Spanish and Latin American Student Association presents Latin American Days on Thursday, 22 March and Friday, 23 March throughout campus. There is no charge for admission. Thursday: Cultural Presentation on Peru and Movie Presentation. Friday: Cultural Display in Business Atrium; Cultural Presentations on Ecuador and Panama; Dance Show in HC 2-11, Wrap-up Party at Mambo (\$5). For more info contact Ana Delgado at 457-0490 or salsa@ualberta.ca.

The English Department presents Peter Oliva Readings on Monday, 19 March at 2:00pm. There is no charge for admission. The location is HC 4-29. For more info, contact Doug Barbour at doug.barbour@ualberta.ca.

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A relevant application would include such things as a cover letter, resumé, and portfolio. Please submit your 'package' to Mr Dan Lazin in 0-10 SUB by 4:00pm, 23 March, 2001 and by 'package,' I mean your application package, not genitalia, although Dan may appreciate that and reward you with a gold star.

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